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Sabin sees no conflict with Selesky and COA

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

A group of local senior citizens have, in recent months, approached the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, complaining that a sitting Commission on Aging (COA) board member should not be allowed to serve.

Barbara Selesky was appointed to the COA Board of Directors by the County Commissioners less than a year ago and said she looked forward to serving the senior citizens of Crawford County. Her goal has been, and continues to be, to get more seniors involved with activities and services offered by the COA and provide more services, as mandated by state law.

Selesky said she has been concerned for quite some time that only a select group of seniors take advantage of activities at the Senior Center, located at 308 Lawndale Street in Grayling. She would like to see seniors from all walks of life feel welcome at the Center and find activities that suit their needs and tastes. She hopes the COA will be able to offer a wider variety of activities in the near future with the hopes of drawing seniors from all parts of the county to use "their Senior Center."

The section of the bylaws in question is Article III, Section 4: "Conflict of Interest - No member shall be affiliated with a public or private organization that contracts directly with senior citizens in

Crawford County or be involved in any endeavor which would influence the policy decisions regarding senior citizens unless that affiliation is disclosed and approved by the COA."

Selesky is the owner and operator of an extended care facility in Frederic, and states she holds no contracts with the county or with seniors that would be in violation of the COA bylaws, as some seniors have stated.

Crawford County Assistant Prosecutor David Sabin said he cannot find a contract or any other influence Selesky has that would create a conflict of interest with her position on the COA Board of Directors.

Selesky said she believes the fervor over her appointment came when she asked about devising a plan for the future for the Senior Center and possibly creating a center elsewhere to better serve seniors in other areas of the county. "I really think they misunderstood my motives," she said. "I don't think having a plan is too much to ask for considering Crawford's growing senior population."

"I've always had the welfare of our seniors in mind," said Selesky. "There is nothing in this for me except the satisfaction of knowing we are trying to do our best for all the senior citizens in Crawford County. They deserve good services from the COA and the state mandates we provide them."

Casino win benefits domestic violence shelter



Photo courtesy of River House Shelter

Marti Gosling (left), of Grayling, recently donated a 1962 GT Hawk Studebaker to River House Shelter. Gosling won the classic car at Turtle Creek Casino back in April, 2001 during the casino's "Roaring 20's Party." She was among three finalists presented with Easter baskets -- one containing the keys to the car hidden in a plastic egg. Gosling was the lucky winner. River House Director Rhoda Hacker (right) said her staff is "delighted to have the Studebaker" and is looking into fund-raising options with the Studebaker as its focus.

COA offers respite program

Many people know the Crawford County Commission on Aging (COA) provides nutritional support to local senior citizens through the Meals-On-Wheels program. But, many people do not realize the COA also provides Respite Care for weary caregivers.

Respite Care is a program to help support the caregiver in order to help an individual remain at home. Like the Meals-On-Wheels program, help is available to those age 60 or older or a spouse of someone over the age of 60.

The program gives caregivers a break from their duties, allowing them to run errands, go shopping, or just have time for themselves. After a while, caregivers can "burn out," become ill from the stress, or even pass away. The result is often that the spouse who was being cared for ends up in a nursing home.

The COA offers Respite Care to help lighten the burden for those caring for an ailing or fragile spouse. Just call for an appointment, and the COA's Registered Nurse will come out to the home and complete an assessment of needs.

The nurse will then set up a schedule and guidelines for a COA In-Home Service Provider will be assigned.

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES RELEASES ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

The first comprehensive report charting Michigan's environmental trends has been released, and serves as a building block for continued assessments, according to the agencies conducting the analysis.

The State of Michigan's Environment: First Biennial Report was prepared by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). It is required under Public Act 195 of 1999. The publication reports on a series of environmental indicators that were identified by the departments and reviewed by the Michigan Environmental Science Board (MESB).

"This report helps the agencies fulfill two key goals," said DEQ Director Russel Harding. "We want a solid foundation of data that allows us to better monitor relevant trends. We're also committed to getting that information into the public's hands. This document complements each department's ongoing initiatives and gives us an additional tool to meet those objectives."

For example, the DEQ has published its own annual report since 1999 that outlines environmental

progress being made through its administered programs.

DNR Director K.L. Cool said: "Michigan's environment has grown steadily healthier for the past several decades. By monitoring key environmental indicators and adjusting our resource management strategies accordingly, we will ensure the health of Michigan's unique and wonderful ecosystems for further generations. This biennial report is a valuable tool in our management process."

Recognizing the need for a comprehensive, long-term environmental master plan, Gov. John Engler directed the MESB to develop a scientifically sound environmental indicators program for Michigan to track trends in the Great Lakes Region.

Environmental indicators are scientifically measurable components that reflect biological, chemical and physical aspects of the environment. The direction of the environmental trends can be determined by tracking changes that occur over time in components such as land cover, fish populations, ambient air pollutant levels, and stream flows. It also allows for the development of corrective

measures to ensure optimal resource preservation and protection.

The report is divided into two sections: environmental measures and programmatic measures. The first section reports on the important DEQ and DNR ecological and physical/chemical indicators that are used to track the overall quality of the state's environment, which is keeping with the legislative mandate. The second details additional agency programmatic measures that are tracked to fulfill various state or federal environmental reporting requirements.

Both directors pointed out that care must be taken in terms of how the report is interpreted. The significance of changes that may occur in a given measure from one reporting period to the next should not be exaggerated. It generally takes several years worth of monitoring data to properly identify and assess the emergence of positive or negative trends.

Copies of the report may be obtained directly from the Internet at www.deq.state.mi.us or by contacting the DEQ Office of Special Environmental Projects at (517) 335-3666.

Older workers' program shows 'Experience Works'

Green Thumb, Inc., the nation's leading provider of training and employment for older workers, announced in late December that, effective January 1, 2002, it would change its name to Experience Works.

Currently, there are four locations in Crawford County taking advantage of the talent of older workers enrolled in the program: Crawford County Housing Commission, the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, Crawford County Building and Zoning, and the County Clerk's office.

"In the past 10 years, we have significantly expanded the services we offer to mature individuals," said Andrea Wooten, president and CEO of Green Thumb. "We have added a staffing service, an e-commerce web site, many local services, and a national, year-long event to recognize the contributions of older workers. We believe that our new name much better describes the wide range of these services."

The name "Green Thumb" comes from the organization's origins in 1965. That year, as part of Lady Bird Johnson's "Beautiful America" program, retired farmers who needed additional income, applied their expertise and "green thumbs" to improve America's parks and highways.

That project evolved into the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), funded under Title V of the Older Americans Act, which helps low-

income seniors secure meaningful employment.

"As Green Thumb, we have always been advocates for the employment of older workers in Michigan; and as Experience Works we will continue to be the leader in providing training and employment opportunities for Michigan's mature workers," said Joe Fortmann, State Director.

Experience Works began operations in Michigan in 1997. The state operations include offices in Mt. Pleasant and Alma, and through a network of field staff, cover more than 40 percent of the state.

Green Thumb is a national, non-profit organization that provides training and employment services for mature workers. Established in 1965, as Green Thumb, and renamed to Experience Works in 2002, the organization reaches more than 125,000 mature individuals each year in all 50 states and Puerto Rico.

In addition to operating the Senior Community Service Employment Program, Experience Works provides staffing services, training programs and Geezers.com -- an e-commerce web site featuring senior-made, handcrafted products.

The organization also leads the Prime Time Awards Program, the only year-long, nationwide effort to recognize and honor the contributions of mature workers.

For more information, visit www.experienceworks.org, or contact local Field Operations Adviser, Mary Harland at (989) 348-9281.

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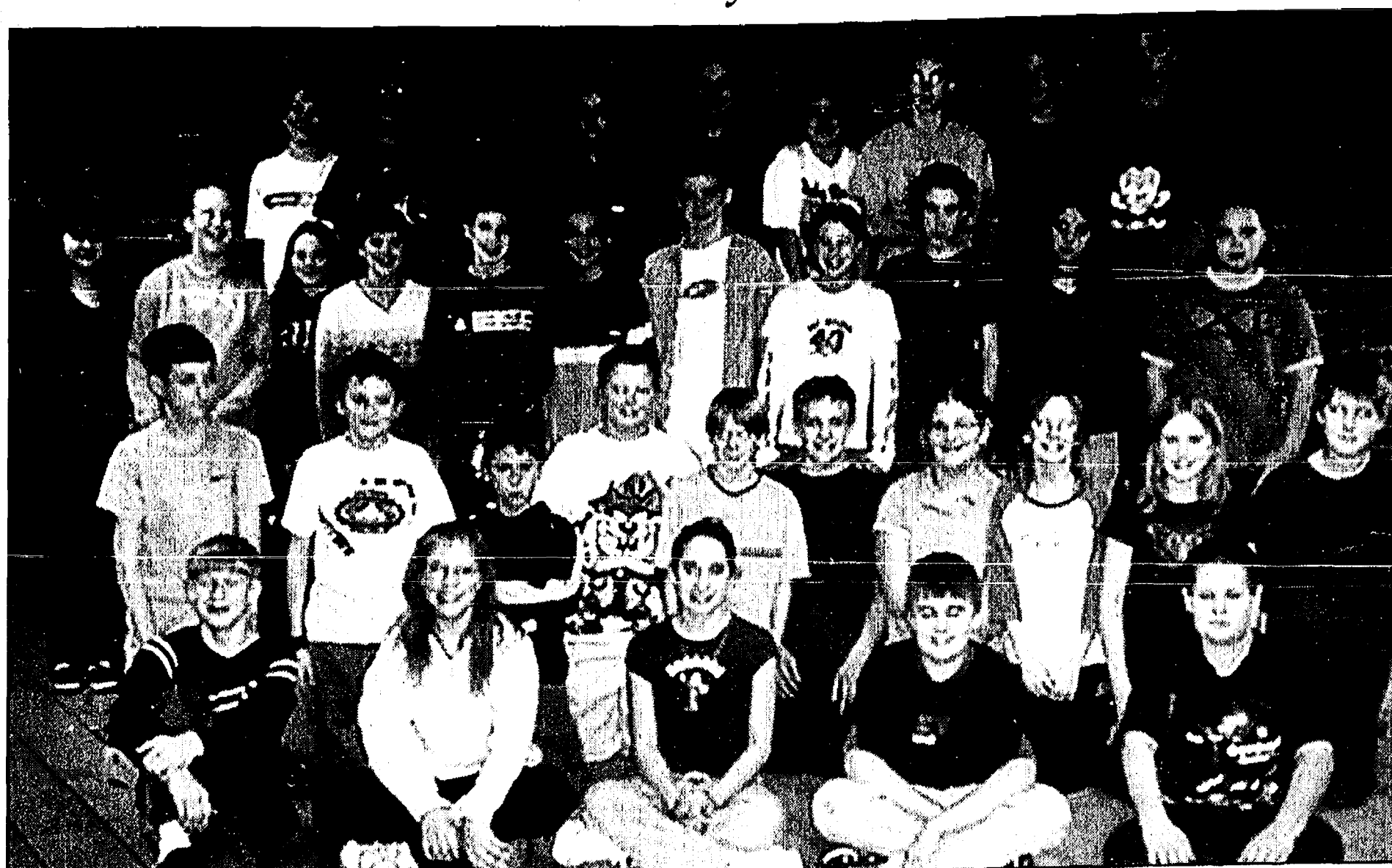


Photo courtesy of Grayling Middle School

Grayling Middle School Students of the Month for December are, from left: (back) Brian Cornell, Andy Currison, Sakeena Bartkowski, Megan Ballor, Chelsea Currison, Josh Luce, Dusty Parens, Reagan Schmidt, A.J. Powers, Chelsea Hanson, Andria Howe, Chantel Cantrell, Amber Palmer, Spencer Derenzy, Doug Slater, A.J. Anter, Angie Martella, Brittany Sloan, Jamie Lucksted, Jamie Hodge; (middle) William Coe, Chuck Hughes, Eric Gosicki, Dustin Schutt, Jesse Crocker, Tim VanNuck, Chelsea VanNuck, Kirsty White, Annie Melroy, Nathan Pickell; (front) Danny Latusek, Katrinakay Wellington, Rachel Gibbs, Nick Fitzpatrick, Paul Awrey; not pictured - T.J. Hall, Josh Grant.

Grant program would add, train first responders

WASHINGTON — Using the extremely successful COPS program as a model, Rep. Bart Stupak (D-MI) and Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) have introduced legislation to provide grants to hire and train individuals as skilled first responders to potential incidents of terrorism.

Like the COPS program, the grants would be provided to states, local units of government and other agencies for hiring and training, would provide up to 75 percent of the salary in the first year of hire and

decreased funding in subsequent years, and could also be used for the purchase of equipment, if that equipment frees individuals to be deployed as first responders.

Stupak said the bill, the "Empowering Local First Responders to Fight Terrorism Act of 2001," fills a need made glaringly apparent after the World Trade Center and the Pentagon were attacked on September 11.

"Whether the incident is a fire, an explosion, or the discovery of a mysterious substance, local units of police, fire and emergency medical personnel are the first on the scene,

responding without hesitation as they are trained to respond, and thereby facing the greatest risks," Stupak said.

Maloney, whose congressional district includes portions of the New York boroughs of Manhattan and Queens, said the added burden of increased security responsibilities of police and fire departments and emergency responders has strained local capabilities -- and local budgets.

"Without additional funds to hire and train new first responders, and obtain new equipment, our first defense against terrorism will be

unable to fully carry out routine as well as new responsibilities," Maloney said.

The legislation would provide \$10 billion over the next 10 years in matching grants to local agencies -- police departments, fire departments, and other emergency response agencies.

The grant program makes special provisions for hiring first responders who have been laid off as the result of local or state budget cuts, and for hiring former members of the armed forces to serve as first responders. The program would be administered by the U.S. Attorney General.

Howling winds make repairs 'ruff'



Photo courtesy of Richard Brown

Volunteers braved the cold and windy conditions last weekend to replace the aging roof of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County. Under the guidance of builder Richard Brown (at right), Mark Ruley (at left), Cory Neilsen, Ron Sturdivant and Dick Lobsinger (not shown), replaced decking, ice shield, flashing and shingles to help keep the animals warm and dry. Brown is the owner of AuSable Country Acres on Stephan Bridge Road, north of M-72. With help from Crawford County Environmental Monitor Pat Merrill, Weyerhaeuser Company donated wood and Waste Management donated the use of a dumpster and disposal fees. DuBois Lumber helped by providing other materials at cost.

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A weekly schedule could provide two to four hours of respite, once or twice a week. The service is not based on income, but on need and is free of charge. However, the COA accepts monetary donations to help support the program.

For more information or to set up an appointment for Respite Care, call the COA at (989) 348-7123.

Red Cross Pizza Day January 8

The local chapter of the American Red Cross will hold its monthly pizza fund raiser on Tuesday, January 8 at Little Caesar's in Grayling.

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Quilters donate comfort to residents of River House



Photo courtesy of River House Shelter

The AuSable Quilt Guild recently made 15 quilts for the women and children at River House Shelter. Guild members spent a marathon weekend working on the quilts at a Camp Wa Wa Sum retreat. Rhoda Hacker, Director of River House, was presented with the quilts at the Guild's annual Christmas luncheon.

Election reform bill receives bi-partisan support

WASHINGTON -- Rep. Dave Camp (R-Midland) voted December 12 in support of strengthening the election system in America. The U.S. House of Representatives passed with bi-partisan support the Help America Vote Act of 2001, HR3295, which will establish election standards and help states modernize their voting equipment.

"This legislation helps address the shortfalls in our election system and offers effective solutions that will restore the American people's confidence in our voting system," Camp said.

The Help America Vote Act allocates \$2.25 billion in election federal reform for improving vot-

ing equipment, recruiting and training poll workers, improving access for disabled voters and educating voters about their rights. Of that funding, \$400 million is allocated to replace unreliable punch card voting systems.

The bill will also establish minimum standards for state election systems, which will include:

- a statewide voter registration system;
- assurances that voters who make errors will be able to correct them;
- in-precinct provisional voting; and
- allowing disabled voters to cast secret ballots on new voting equipment.

National Guard tapped to form Michigan Civil Support Team

The Department of Defense plans to station a Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team in Michigan, following encouragement and urging by congressmen representing the Great Lakes State.

Civil support teams were created to assist emergency personnel as they respond to potential chemical, nuclear or biological attacks. Each team consists of 22 members of the National Guard.

"Given that Michigan is an international border state with multiple border crossings, the state is a potential entry point for would-be terrorists, and its bridges, tunnels and transit routes are potential terrorist targets," said Senator Carl Levin (D-Michigan). "The new civil support team in Michigan will assist the state's law enforcement officials who have been overburdened in the

aftermath of the September 11 attacks in working to protect our neighborhoods and communities from the threat of future attacks."

Currently, Levin said, 27 states have a civil support team, and Congress provided funding for the creation of five new teams including the one to be placed in Michigan.

The Michigan Civil Support Team will be comprised of Michigan National Guard members on active duty status who will be able to coordinate a rapid response with civil authorities to a terrorist attack.

"Michigan is in the top ten of the highest populated states, contains 54 armories and many significant military bases, and is home to the only Anthrax antibiotic producing laboratory in the U.S. and two major universities that are directly involved in the research of nuclear, chemical and biological engineering," said Rep. Dave Camp (R-Midland). "I am very pleased that Secretary Rumsfeld recognized our state's need for the expertise and skill that this team can offer us."

The team closest to Michigan right now is in Peoria, IL -- about 12 hours away. "That's not fast enough," remarked Camp.

KCC employees earn milestone pins

Kirtland Community College Admissions Coordinator Dale Marie Losee headed a list of 33 college employees earning milestone awards at a recent holiday luncheon. The Kirtland graduate received a plaque for 25 years of service.

Others staff celebrating milestone anniversaries: 15-year pins: Smoke Bonk, Marcell Romancky and Carol Silverman; 10-year pins: Denise Kemp and Cathy Meadows; 5-year pins: Lori Loveland, Donna Noreyko, Sue Owens, Char Schroeder and Helen Yopp; 1-year pins: Herb Atherton, Scott Cochran, Glen Donahue, Jim Enger, Jon Fox, Sandra Hull, Kristy Kemp, Susie Lewis, Doug Mace, Scott Marble, Charles Rorie, Elaine Thibault, Robert Wallace and Kathy Wray.

Part-time faculty celebrating milestones: 40 semesters (20-year pin): Clay Horton and Debra Wagner; 30 semesters (15-year pin): Mike Waters; 10 semesters (5-year pin): Sasha Dorofeev; 2 semesters (one-year pin): Julie Christenson, Rosa Dominguez, Kathleen Gottschalk and Dannette Utecht.



Photo courtesy of KCC

Dale Marie Losee (left), Admissions Coordinator at Kirtland Community College, is presented with a plaque for 25 years of service to the college by President Charles Rorie. Thirty-two other Kirtland employees also received recognition for milestones reached.

New snowmobile trail maps available

Through months of effort by AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association (AVSA) volunteers, a new map of local snowmobile trails is now available at the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Crawford County Avalanche, and many other locations. The AVSA is responsible for the grooming of local trails and connectors, using new equipment this year (below) purchased with funds raised by its members. The map is made possible also by businesses through advertising, offsetting the cost of publication. With the snow flying quite nicely these days, the map is sure to come in handy for snowmobile enthusiasts visiting our area.

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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Many items missed the Almanack cut during 2001

ONE YEAR ends, another begins. That's a good time to clear from the files items that didn't receive full discussion and comment in the Almanack during 2001, but maybe should have.

They're presented here without comment. The reader is invited to make up her/his own.

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Hot pickle -- In Tennessee, a woman sued McDonald's, claiming she suffered a second-degree burn on her chin when a hot pickle fell from a hamburger she was trying to eat. She asked for \$110,000, and her husband sought \$15,000 for losing her services and consortium. They settled out of court.

Song banned -- In Florida, a girl, 8, was barred from singing "Kum Ba Yah" at a youth talent show because it used the word "Lord" and thus violates a ban on religious songs. Her upset mother claimed she learned the song not at church, but at a Girl Scout campfire.

Returnable butts -- The Maine legislature

considered a cigaret butt deposit bill which would slap a \$1 fee on a pack of 20 cigarets, redeemable upon return of 20 cigaret butts at a nickel a piece. It lost.

Long distance -- Republican Eileen Weiser of Ann Arbor last year was elected to the Michigan Board of Education. In 2001, husband Ron Weiser was appointed U.S. ambassador to Slovakia. So Ms. Weiser had to quit her new education job, right? Nope. She's moving to Slovakia but claims she'll fly back for meetings every two months, while the telephone and internet will allow her to carry out her state duties from afar. Ah, the wonders of technology.

Dry spell -- Quoting a Detroit Free Press commentary: "The Michigan House went all through February without voting on a single bill. Granted it is a short month, but the state didn't exactly come to a screeching halt, did it?" Nope.

Football spies -- Two former cheerleaders for the Philadelphia Eagles sued 23 teams claiming that for several years, players spied

on their dressing room through peepholes in the adjoining visitors' locker room. The suit claims the peepholes were common knowledge around the league and were "considered one of the 'perks' of being a visiting team of the Eagles." The suit names no players but lists them as John Does 1 through 500. Question: Do the peepholes go both ways?

All wet -- A Benton Harbor man, visiting his son at a state prison in the Upper Peninsula, filed a federal suit claiming a guard denied him use of a bathroom causing him to urinate on himself. The judge found the guard was "deliberately indifferent" to the man's federally protected right. "The ability/opportunity to urinate, being a matter of bodily integrity, is a fundamental right subject to due-process protection," the judge ruled. The state agreed to pay \$10,000.

Disability drinking -- In Australia, an ex soldier, 79, finally received a disability pension, arguing his heart was damaged by a drinking habit picked up in military service

during World War II. He claimed: "It was not until I entered the army in 1941 that I commenced the consumption of alcohol on a regular basis due to its availability, low cost and the necessity of mateship, and subsequently the stress of overseas service." His heart condition was "war caused," the government ruled.

Scenic pork -- National Scenic Byways projects appropriated almost \$21 million to 42 states last year. This year, nearly all of it goes to just six states. The winner: West Virginia, with \$6.5 million -- about 30 percent of the total. West Virginia just happens to be the home of Sen. Robert Byrd, chairman of the Senate appropriations committee, which wrote the bill. I wonder how so much of that money got away from Sen. Byrd.

About time -- Massachusetts finally adopted a law officially exonerating five more women executed during the witch trial hysteria in 1692. Others had been cleared in a 1957 resolution.

Mysterious mix -- Winner of a pizza contest in suburban Detroit: Polish pizza, topped with chunks of kielbasa and sweet sauerkraut. It nosed out an eggplant pizza. To each his own.

Pasty Fest -- Another original Michigan festival has appeared: The Pasty Fest in Houghton, paying homage to the venerable pasty, an Upper Peninsula specialty, originating among miners in Wales and brought to this country by miners in the Upper Peninsula. The first pasty festival was in September.

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THERE WERE others, but that's a sample of matters that were considered for full discussion and comment during the past year, but somehow didn't make the cut. Now Almanack files are a bit barer.

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Senior asks commissioners to respect their elders

To the editor,

At the November 21 Commission on Aging board meeting, the issue of Barb Selesky being removed from the board was brought up again by the seniors. They asked what was going to be done about it.

The Commission on Aging board says their hands are tied, it is up to the County Commissioners which, of course, choose to ignore the wishes of the seniors.

They refuse to act on the by laws of the Commission on Aging.

The seniors were treated like little kids, absolutely no respect was shown to the seniors by the County Commissioners.

Scott Hanson promised to call me concerning this matter. He didn't even have the courtesy to do so.

If this is how they treat people, God help the people of Crawford County.

The seniors again rallied for Barb Selesky's resignation and she simply ignored them.

If the County Commissioners don't abide by the Commission on Aging's by laws, do they abide by their own?

The seniors will be out campaigning against these Commissioners come election day. They can't ignore that.

We are still appealing to the County Commissioners to remove Barb from the Commission on Aging board, do something right for a change. Show some respect for your elders.

Clyde Mize
Grayling

Editor's note: Some area senior citizens are claiming that Ms. Selesky's position on the Commission on Aging Board of Directors is in violation of Article III, Section 4 of its by laws: Conflict of Interest - No member shall be affiliated with a public or private organization that contracts directly with senior citizens in Crawford County or be involved in any endeavor which would influence the policy decisions regarding senior citizens unless that affiliation is disclosed and approved by the COA.

Ms. Selesky is owner and operator of Timberview Village, an assisted living facility in Frederic.

Customer feels he's been 'Robinhooded' by GLE

To the editor,

Terry Harwood got "Serooged" by Great Lakes Energy and each month I get "Robinhooded!"

I have not given a new meter reading in over a year. Last reading in November 200 was 0081 and it is a vacant cabin. Logically, you would expect that each month the availability charge of \$6 and sales tax would have been deducted from my credit balance of \$167.67. That month, I was charged for 80 kwh.

In the months that followed, I was billed 190, 230, 240, 0, 100 and 60 kwh. Then, in July 2001, something amazing happened. My estimated meter reading was now up to 166 kwh, but it started to run backwards, for in August, it was down to 160, yet the actual reading was still 0081. Even more amaz-

ing was the fact that my credit balance was still dwindling.

Then in September, Great Lakes had my meter reading at 163 and in October it was 166. I actually drove out to the property to look at the meter. It was still at 0081.

So, I decided to play a game and see if they were paying any attention. I sent them a payment. They cashed the check and did not credit my account. My credit balance kept dropping. Around this time, I received a telephone call from a collection agency in Petoskey. They asked me when I was going to pay my bill. We exchanged account information and they had the correct information -- except for the bill. They told me it was my responsibility to contact Great Lakes Energy and correct it.

I paid another check and it, too,

was cashed but did not appear on my bill. So, then I called Great Lakes Energy. They said I must have been calling in false readings. When I told them I had not called, they said it must have been the neighbor! When I asked which one, the woman got hostile with me.

She did acknowledge they had several customers with my first name. I can only assume that they have taken my \$167.67 credit balance and dropped it down to \$13.96 and used my money to pay someone else's bill, for my meter still reads 0081.

According to my December bill, my meter reading is now 0082. Consumption history for last year was nothing. What happened to my credit balance and two payments? By my calculations, I

should have paid \$6.36 per month times 13 months, or \$82.68.

I did call the collection agency. They said their manager was going to call Great Lakes Energy. During the last year, I have received two 5-ounce mailings from Great Lakes with pieces of glossy paper. There were no cover letters. Do you think I paid over \$100 for those?

There is a state law on the books since the 1930s that prohibits landlords from paying tenant's utility bills. Suppose it would also apply to Terry Harwood being stuck with another tenant's bills. I have a copy of the law.

Kenneth F. Bryson
Kalkaska

Generous community makes Christmas brighter

To the editor,

The people of Crawford County are a very generous, caring group of individuals. I have seen this as a volunteer receiving and sorting the donations of food at the Crawford County Community Christian (CCCC) Help Center.

I have especially been a witness to this generosity during the last four years that the CCCC Help Center has been participating in the Toys for Tots (TFT) Program. I have been the Coordinator for TFT in Crawford County since Gerry Schroeder asked me to help. The CCCC Help Center is a busy place throughout the year, but especially before and during the Christmas holiday season.

We have gone from seven TFT collection boxes in 1998, to 16 collection sites in 2001. We have gone from providing toys for less than 300 children to providing toys for almost 650 children.

In 1998, I counted and sorted 782 toys and, this year, I counted and sorted (with help) 1,493 toys. Most of the toys are distributed through the CCCC Help Center. The rest are distributed through other agencies (coordinated to help prevent a duplication of effort).

Community Choice Michigan and Gannon Broadcasting donated airtime to the 2001 TFT Campaign. John Cherven donated warehouse space for counting and sorting. Several groups and organizations

donated toys. Among them were J. Dap Company, Grayling Promotional Association, AuSable Quilt Guild, Cheerful Givers Club, Commission on Aging, Icehouse Quilt Sitters (along with Nancy Webster), Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, M.A.T.E.S., and Grayling Middle School staff.

Also, help came from the businesses that provided space for the TFT boxes. The businesses were: Crawford County Sheriff Department, Goodale's Bakery, Century 21 River Country Real Estate, Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty, Chemical Bank, Huntington Bank, Citizen's Bank, Cornell Insurance Agency, AAA, Northland

Area Federal Credit Union, Glen's Market, North End Grocery, Icehouse Quilt Shop, Dr. Denholm Chiropractic Clinic, and the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Without these groups, the monetary donations from anonymous business people, and the donations of toys placed in the TFT boxes by the caring people of Crawford County, we would not have been able to provide toys and "a gift of hope" to so many children.

Marianne Gosnell, Coordinator
Toys for Toys - Crawford County
CCCC Help Center Volunteer
Grayling

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Community Briefs items submitted to *The Avalanche* must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of *The Avalanche*.

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone

number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

BRIEFS

Booster Club announces raffle winners

The Grayling Youth Booster Club 50/50 raffle winners of \$25 each for the week of December 23 were Betty Mead, Cherry Melroy, Marv Forbes, J.C. King, Greg Nelson, John Jones, Fran McCluskey, Oscar Dickinson, Bill Johnson, Bev Fagan, Jordan Hickey, Irv McIsaac, and Sarah Golinck.

Grants available for child care programs

EQUIP (Enhanced Quality Improvement Program) Grants are available for both non-profit and for profit child care programs. The grants, ranging from \$500 to \$3,500 to licensed or registered child care providers, are offered through Michigan 4C Association. EQUIP Grant training is being offered in northeast Michigan by Child & Family Services 4C at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Grayling on January 10, from 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Anyone interested should contact Nancie Kersey at (989) 344-5144 before Monday, January 7.

Bradstreet to visit Crawford County

State Rep. Kenneth Bradstreet (R-Grayling) will be in Grayling on Friday, January 11 to talk with area residents. The 105th District lawmaker has scheduled office hours in the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 West Michigan Avenue, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. that day. "No appointment is necessary and I welcome everyone to come in for a talk," Bradstreet said. "I'm here to listen to people's thoughts and concerns about state government issues." For more information, call Bradstreet's Lansing office toll-free at 1-877-KEN-4-105.

Crawford Democratic Party to meet

The Crawford County Democratic Party will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 9 in the basement of the Crawford County Courthouse. The meeting will focus on local and state-wide races. Officers are: Chairman - Clay Horton, Vice Chairperson - Beth Wieland, Treasurer - Anthony Dobry, and Secretary - Bill Donaldson. For more information, call Horton at (989) 348-8170.

Free hearing/vision tests offered to kids

The Health Department will offer free hearing and vision screenings for kids, ages three to 18 years, on Friday, January 4 at the Headstart building on Old 27 North in Grayling. Call the Health Department at 348-7800 for an appointment.

Free poetry contest offers \$58k in prizes

The International Library of Poetry has announced that \$58,000 in prizes will be awarded this year in the International Open Poetry Contest.

Poets from the Grayling area, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of over 250 prizes. The deadline for the contest is February 28, 2002. The contest is open to everyone and entry is free.

"Any poet, whether previously published or not, can be a winner," stated Christina Babylon, Contest Director. "When people learn about our free poetry contest, they suddenly realize that their own poetic works of art can win cash prizes, as well as gain national recognition," continued Babylon.

To enter, send one original poem, any subject and any style to: The International Library of Poetry, Suite 19913, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owings Mills, MD 21117. The poem should be 20 lines or less, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked or sent via the Internet by February 28, 2002. Register on line at

www.poetry.com. Visitors to the site can find works of other local poets registered there. The International Library of Poetry, founded in 1982, is the largest poetry organization in the world.

Snowmobile safety class offered

A Snowmobile Safety Class, sponsored by the AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association, will be held January 22-24, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. each evening at Grayling High School.

State regulations require anyone wishing to operate a snowmobile without an adult to have a safety certificate.

The class is offered to youth ages 12 through 17 years of age and will be held in Room 4-A6 at the high school.

Registration is required by calling 348-8619. Social Security number will be required at time of registration. For more information about the class, call the above telephone number.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 pm weekdays except Friday, there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for. The Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King. Walk-ins are welcome.

Wed. Jan. 2 - Brown Steak/Baked Chicken; Hearing Clinic, by appointment; Exercise and Line dancing at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Stag Cards at 12:30 p.m.; RSVP Cards and Craft Club at 1 p.m.; Wendy's Bingo at 5:30 p.m.

Thu. Jan. 3 - Pork Chops/Portupine Meatballs; BP's and sugars taken from 11 a.m. until noon; NEW!!! Bible study at 11 a.m. ANOTHER NEW!!! Adult Education has returned and begins at 1 p.m.; Uno Attack at 5:30 p.m.

Fri. Jan. 4 - Beef & Noodles/ no dinner; Pantry Bingo and 80 cent rummy at 1 p.m.

Sun. Jan. 6 - Sunday Brunch with Sausage gravy and Biscuits - 10

a.m. to 1 p.m., everyone welcome.

Mon. Jan. 7 - Wiener Schnitzel/ Fish Fillets; Stag Cards at 12 noon; Bridge Club at 1 p.m.; Hangman at 5:30 p.m.

Tue. Jan. 8 - Chicken Kiev/Spaghetti & Meatballs; Euchre Club at 1 p.m.; Trivia at 5:30 p.m.

Wed. Jan. 9 - Swiss Steak/Beef Pot Pie; Commodities at Hanson Hills from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Exercise and Line dancing at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Stag Cards at 12:30 p.m.; RSVP Cards and Crafts at 1 p.m.; Birthday dinner and White Elephant Auction at 5 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Above all this week, remember: Start the New Year by observing the true secret of happiness...Every day have something to do or somewhere to go. Every day have someone to call, someone to see, someone to love; but most important, every day have something to give to someone. (Continue throughout this year and you will discover true bliss.)

RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during January 2 through January 8 is as follows:


The Range 40 Air to Ground Complex, located north of County Road 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations

by the Air National Guard during the following dates and times:

January 2 through 6 and 8 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Age of Rage

This is one of the articles we wrote prior to September 11, 2001, but tabled it so we could minister encouragement and comfort to our readers following the sudden and violent war against our nation. The truth of this article has already been viciously communicated by the shocking rage and violence shown by our enemies. However, how we deal with such rage is still relevant.

The last century was called by many the age of anxiety. Keith Sinclair recently wrote an article entitled, "Anger is emotion of the century," quoting Professor Ellis Cashmore of Staffordshire University as saying, "Rage, whether on the road or in the office, will become the defining emotion of the 21st century unless action is taken to reduce people's increasing lack of tolerance." Sinclair continued by saying, "Ellis Cashmore believes the rise in angry and sometimes violent public outbursts has happened because some areas of life have failed to keep pace with the rapid development of technology and communications."

Attitudes result in actions. We are living in a fast age. We want fast foods, fast cars, fast computers, everything must be fast. We have been trained to expect our way in everything right now. We live in an "I", "Me", "My" world where self-esteem and self-expression rule. The New Age philosophy hopes to turn the next generation into little independent gods. The Bible tells us where we are heading. If the last generation was the age of anxiety, and this generation is becoming the age of rage, we are rapidly approaching the last age of violence. (We never dreamed such violence would be expressed toward us before we could even

print this article.)

Jesus Christ said in Luke 17:26, 27: "And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all." What characterized the days of Noah? "The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence." And God said unto Noah, "The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth." (Gen. 6:11,13)

Just as the world refused for 120 years to listen to the preaching of Noah, so we can expect ridicule and rejection for preaching the same truth today. Noah only reached his own family with the truth. May we encourage you to reach your own family before it is too late.

The opposite of violence is peace. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." (Isa 26:3). How do we trust in God? "And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven." (Col 1:20) "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Rom 5:1). We have peace with God by faith in the person, work, and word of Jesus Christ for our sins. We have peace by God's blessing upon us. "The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace." (Psa 29:11). We have peace from God's word in our

hearts. "Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them." (Psa 119:165). Jesus Christ left us His peace. "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (John 14:27). We have peace as we do the work of righteousness. "And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever." (Isa 32:17) "Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all." (2 Thes 3:16)

Peace comes from God through faith in Jesus Christ. The world will never give us peace. "There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked." (Isa 57:21) "The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace." (Isa 59:8). While we must live in an age filled with anxiety, anger, and violence, we can still know peace with God, God's peace in our hearts, and God's peace in our daily lives. Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Website at <http://www.i2k.net/cba>. We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

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Card of Thanks

I would like to thank all of the individuals, groups, families and businesses who donated money and/or food to us during the holiday season, (and of course during the rest of the year), the people who donated mittens and hats (most were hand knit), Christmas candy and the many toys for Toys for Tots distribution.

Thanks also to the people who adopted families, the volunteers who worked at the Center and last but not least Marianne Gosnell for her many hours as Toys for Tots coordinator.

Because of this support from the community we were able to joyfully provide toys and Christmas dinner fixins' to nearly 200 families.

Gerry Schroeder
Coordinator
Christian Help Center

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Bored after the holidays? Want to feel needed and helpful? Mercy Amicare Homecare and Hospice will be holding Hospice Volunteer Trainings January 23 and 24 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Grayling Amicare Office, 125 Michigan Avenue, Grayling.

Mercy Amicare Hospice provides in-home care for individuals with life-threatening illnesses, and is certified to provide service through Medicare, Medicaid, Blue Cross and other insurances. Volunteers are needed to assist a growing number of families in the Amicare service area which covers Crawford, Roscommon, and parts of Otsego, Ogemaw, Kalkaska and Oscoda counties. Volunteers are generally assigned to families within the community in which they reside.

Volunteers are an important part of the hospice interdisciplinary team which includes doctors, nurses, home health aides, social workers, and spiritual care/bereavement counselors. Telephone calls are answered by a staff member available 24 hours a day who contacts the appropriate team member with-

in 30 minutes.

Volunteers are asked to donate from two to four hours per week assisting a family with activities that could include respite, errands, light homemaking or companionship. Volunteers can also be involved in clerical work, fund raising, public speaking, bereavement and courier service.

The training program includes such topics as communication skills, family dynamics, grief/loss support and body mechanics presented by a combination of hospice staff and guest speakers from the community.

"The information received in training proves beneficial to one's personal life as well as their volunteer activities," says Sherry Haag, Volunteer Coordinator for Mercy Amicare Homecare and Hospice.

To register for either trainings or for more information, please contact Sherry at (989) 348-4383 or 1-800-424-1457 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, or leave a message with the After Hours Coordinator during non business hours.

Like a Windy Day

Gray-white clouds sail across an unsettled lake of ambiguous blue sky on this cold and windy winter day. What will the weather be? One minute we prepare for a snowstorm...the next, streaks of golden sunlight promise a sunny day. You never know what to expect on a day like this one...or do you?

You can always expect God to be in control, not only of the weather but of our lives...if we let

Him. You see, life is somewhat like unsettled day. Situations look bright one minute, then uncertain the next. Perhaps we had the "perfect job" and the company dissolved, or the contract on "just the right house" fell through when we were so sure it was ours. We know disappointments will come, so we need to learn to prepare for them. Therefore, we must establish that relationship with our Creator. Think of it as spiritual insurance.

Whatever the forecast, please worship God each week. There in His house, you will meet those who have learned to survive life's storms by sharing their faith in God's wisdom and love. Begin this week. You can prepare for that windy day.



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Matthew 3:1-12	Malachi 3:1-18	Malachi 4:1-6	Matthew 11:1-19	Matthew 11:20-30	Isaiah 11:1-9	Isaiah 12:1-6

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Saturday 10:30 am
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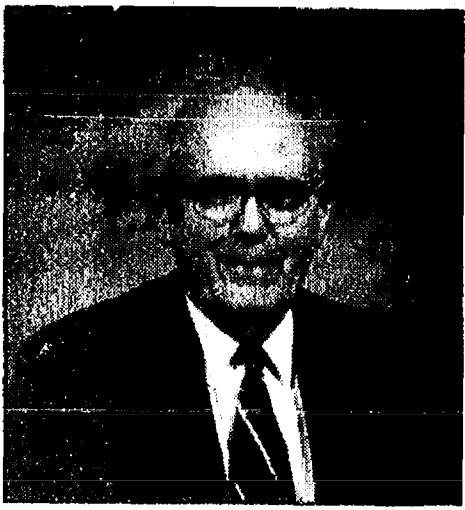
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Max E. Haslem

March 6, 1931 - Dec. 24, 2001

Max Edward Haslem, 70, lost his courageous battle with cancer on December 24, at Grayling Mercy Hospital with his wife of 46 years, Betty Jeanne (Mathewson) at his side.

The only child of the late William Edward and Evah Marie (Doane) Haslem; Max was born at the home of his parents in Owosso on March 6, 1931. Shortly thereafter, Max and his parents settled in Flint where Max attended the Flint school system K-12, graduating from Flint Northern High School with the "Class of 1949" followed with a business degree from Baker College, Flint.

Following his return from serving his country with the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict, Max and Betty Jeanne Mathewson were united in marriage at Oak Park United Methodist Church, Flint, on March 4, 1955.

Max was employed in the financial field, retiring as Assistant Vice

President/Bank Manager in June, 1993, after 30 years with Michigan National Bank, Flint at which time they moved permanently to their Grayling AuSable River home. Max enjoyed the out of doors and was a member of Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his parents-in-law, Earl "Doc" and Helene Mathewson, and brothers-in-law Stephan F. "Bud" Jorgenson, Johannes "Joe" Jorgenson and Stanley "Mike" Mathewson.

Along with his wife, Betty, he is survived by son, Mathew E. Haslem of Grand Blanc and daughter, Nanci K. (Norbert) Gasiewicz and granddaughter, Celeste Marie Gasiewicz of Marquette, a number of nieces and nephews and special cousin, Genieve Painter of Beaver Dams, New York.

Funeral services were held Thursday, December 27, at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church with the Reverend George Morse officiating. Burial was at Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling. Memorials may be made to Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church Maintenance/Building Fund.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

Jane Stevens

Dec. 10, 1936 - Dec. 24, 2001

Jane Stevens, 65, died at her

home on Monday, December 24. She was born on December 10, 1936 to Clarke Callen and Mignon Andrea (Benson) Shirley in Trenton. She married Russell D. Stevens on July 23, 1955 in Jackson.

Mrs. Stevens had been a homemaker and resident of Grayling for the last seven years after moving here from Columbus, Ohio. She loved to knit and do ceramics and was a collector of clowns. She had a great love for her family and other people. She was a member of the Grayling Free Methodist Church and above all was her love for the Lord.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Clarke and Bert Shirley.

Mrs. Stevens leaves behind her husband Russell, two daughters: Rebecca (Don) Page of Houston, Texas, Darlene (Tom) Stahlman; two sons: Stephen (Jodie) Stevens of Elmira and Andrew (Teresa) Stevens of Huntington, West Virginia; one daughter-in-law: Debra (Darwin) Wilder of Grayling. She also leaves ten grandchildren and one sister, Sally A. Shirley of Ann Arbor.

Funeral services were held Thursday, December 27, at Grayling Free Methodist Church. Reverend Joseph Carpenter officiated, with burial at Elmwood Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Grayling Free Methodist Church.

Arrangements by Sorenson

Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

Clarence J. Biddle

May 1, 1927 - Dec. 25, 2001

Clarence J. Biddle, 74, of Indianapolis, Indiana, died on Tuesday, December 25.

Mr. Biddle was an Army veteran of World War II and a National Guard veteran, retiring with the rank of sergeant major. He worked for 37 years for Citizens Gas & Coke Utility, retiring in 1986. He had been a maintenance supervisor for Orleans Apartments.

Mr. Biddle was a life member of the National Guard Association and a member of the National Association for Uniformed Services and a member of the South Irvington Church of the Nazarene.

He is survived by his wife Nancy Collen Biddle; children Patty Canerday, Diane Biddle Stancato, Sherrie Fisher, Kenny Charron, Kevin, Michael, Danny, Randy, and David Biddle; sister Juanita Biddle; 22 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Saturday, December 29 in Flanner & Buchanan Funeral Center at Washington Park East, Indianapolis, Indiana with entombment at Washington Park East Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to South Irvington Church of the Nazarene, Indianapolis, Indiana.

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GRAND TRAVERSE FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

PREVENTING HEEL PAIN

Heel pain is one of the most common foot ailments. Of the 26 foot bones, the heel is the largest, subject to much pressure and stress. Muscles and ligaments within the foot may become strained from high-impact activities or obesity, which can lead to a painful heel spur. A strained plantar fascia (along the sole of the foot) is common among athletes who run and jump frequently. Shoes that fit poorly or offer inadequate support can cause heel pain, as can excess pronation. Arthritis, injuries, and foot deformities may also contribute to heel pain. To prevent discomfort, wear supportive, properly fitted shoes designed for your various activities; pace yourself during exercise; eat and sleep properly; and lose weight if necessary.

Bearing all of the body's weight with every step, the heel is subject to considerable stress. Weight gain, high impact athletic activities, even prolonged walking or standing increase such stress. When heel pain is the body's answer to this stress, there are both temporary and permanent treatments to eliminate the problems. Any treatment, however, begins with a call to your podiatrist. GRAND TRAVERSE FOOT & ANKLE CENTER, P.C., located at 1209 E. 8th Street, Traverse City, is now accepting new patients. Call 922-9100 & 800-968-7440. Offices in Traverse City, also Kalkaska Memorial Health Center Monday & Wednesday afternoons and evenings.

P.S. If you suffer from persistent heel pain that includes redness, swelling, or heat, consult your doctor.

New children's clothes, toys, gift shop opens

By Dave Golnick
Staff Writer

Anna's Gift and Toy Shop, under owners Theresa and Mark Burbo of Trenton, opened its doors for business on Thanksgiving Day. The Burbo's purchased the building which formerly housed Friends and Company Coffee House and Dee's Tees.

Theresa has experience in retail and retail management, and earned a degree in business management. Mark worked at the Ford Motor Company as a welder for 11 years. He has an associates degree in welding.

They plan to use the space to operate two businesses, Anna's Gift and Toy Shop and The Rock Coffee House and Treats. The Rock is not yet open for business.

Anna's Gift and Toy Shop was named after the Burbo's young daughter, Annie.

Anna's Gift and Toy Shop will feature just that: clothes, gifts and toys for children. They will also carry shirts and jackets embroidered with the Grayling logo in the near future.

To celebrate the opening of the



Photo by Dave Golnick

Anna's Gift and Toy Shop is open for business in downtown Grayling. The store features children's clothes and toys. From left are Annie, and owners Theresa and Mark Burbo.

new business, the Burbo's plan on marking down many of the products in the store and offering sales on selected items.

"We are anxious for the communi-

ty to respond to what we are selling," said Mark. "The products we will carry depend on what people in this area want to buy."

The Rock Coffee House and

Treats will feature, among other things: soup, sandwiches and fresh baked goods made by Theresa herself. The Rock is expected to open soon.

LIBRARY NEWS

Beaver Creek Township

Books donated in memory of Florence Nelson are *The Complete Book of Houseplants* by John Evans, *The Birds of Michigan* by James Granlund, *The Audubon Backyard Birdwatcher* by Robert Burton, and *North American Wildlife* by Reader's Digest. These books were donated by Lee and Elaine Riley, Rose and MaryEllen Marvin, Robert

and Joyce Phillips, and Marvin and Carol Sandborn.

Other new books include *A Bend in the Road* by Nicholas Sparks, *Mercy* by Julie Garwood, *Emy* by Sandra Brown, *Bronze the Horseman* by Paullina Simons, *Peace Like a River* by Leif Enger, *Girl With a Pearl Earring* by Tracy Chevalier, *The Reader* by Bernard Schlink, *White Oleander* by Janet

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Partnership expands tree planting program

LANSING -- Michigan Department of Natural Resources officials announced December 10 an expanded partnership to increase the number of properly planted trees in municipalities and maintain those trees in a healthy condition.

Detroit Edison and MichCon recently merged and now both subsidiaries of DTE Energy, will work in cooperation with the DNR to expand its tree planting program in Michigan. The grant program is expanded to include all communities within the service territories of both companies, and DTE Energy has increased total funding to

\$60,000. The grants are administered by the DNR's Urban and Community Forestry Program.

The program is part of DTE Energy's voluntary participation in the U.S. Department of Energy Global Climate Challenge Program. The USDA Forest Service has commended DTE Energy and the DNR for the creative partnership and leadership of this tree planting program, which has reached a milestone of nearly 20 million trees planted.

Trees improve environmental quality and quality of life in the urban, suburban and rural commu-

nities where people live. A key benefit that trees provide is carbon sequestration.

Through photosynthesis, trees convert carbon dioxide and water (using sunlight), into glucose (sugar) and oxygen. DTE Energy is funding the grant program as part of its effort to reduce carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas that contributes to global warming.

Grants, up to \$4,000 each, are available for tree planting projects along city streets and rights-of-way, in parks and nature study areas, and on school grounds and other public lands. Applicants must be located within the service territory of either Detroit Edison or MichCon.

Grant applications must be postmarked by January 18, 2002, in order to be given funding consideration. Applications will be rated based on the quality of the project, which must be completed by December 31, 2002.

All grants require matching funds of at least 50 percent. The match may include cash contributions or in-kind services, but may not include state or federal funds.

For more information and a grant application, contact the DNR Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division, Urban and Community Forestry Program, Box 30452, Lansing, MI 48909-7952, or call (517) 241-9051.

Deadline nears for HLRCC Winterfest 2002 badge design

The Higgins Lake-Roscommon Chamber of Commerce has announced a badge design contest for Winterfest 2002.

"The Winterfest committee's goal is to provide an opportunity for people of all ages to experience some of the fantastic outdoor winter activities our area has to offer, many may be for the first time.

The \$5 badge will serve as an admission ticket to many of these activities planned for Saturday, February 9th," said Donna Pflum, Executive Director Higgins Lake-



Roscommon Chamber of Commerce.

All badge contest entries must be received by 3 p.m., Thursday, January 10 for judging in the Chamber office at 701 Lake Street, in the

Bank One building in Roscommon.

Entries may also be mailed to HLRCC, P.O. Box 486, Roscommon, MI 48653.

The winner will receive a \$50 savings bond.

For more information, contact Donna J. Pflum at 275-8760 or e-mail at hlrc@voyager.net.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The Crawford County Sheriff Department handled the following 124 complaints the period of December 17-27:

One hazardous situation, 45 traffic accidents, two non-traffic accidents, two traffic public safety appearances, six civil matter disputes - family trouble, five suspicious situations, one natural death, two general assistance, 26 general non-criminal, three delinquent

minors, one runaway, three false alarm activations, one burglary - forced entry - residence, three larcenies, one larceny of gas - self service station, two larcenies - other, one damage to private property, five public peace/disorderly, one hit and run motor vehicle accident, eight health and safety, one invasion of privacy/wiretap, one conservation - other, three driving violations/DWLS etc.

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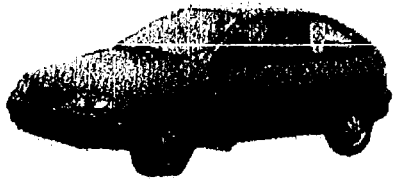
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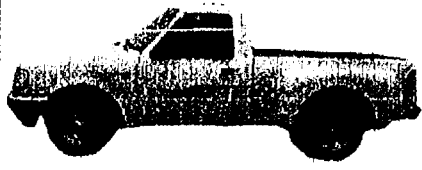
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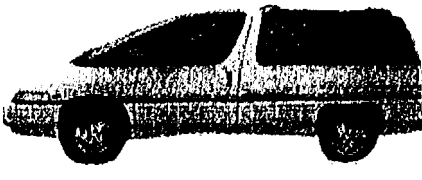
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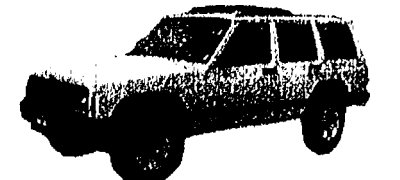
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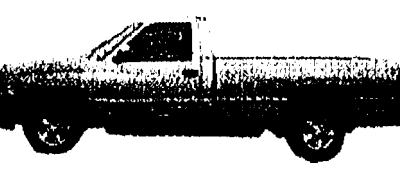
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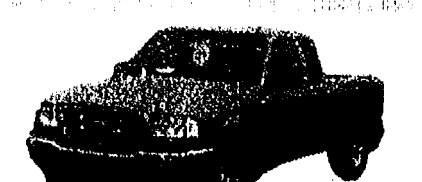
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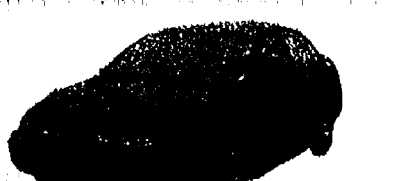
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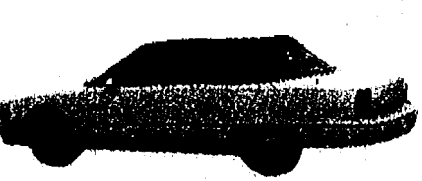
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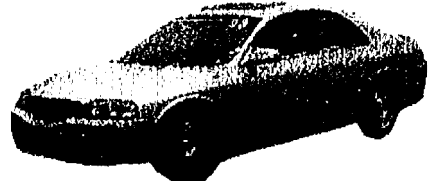
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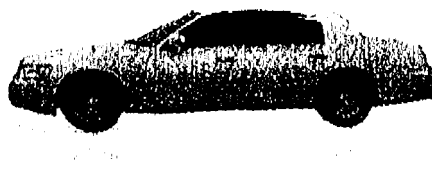
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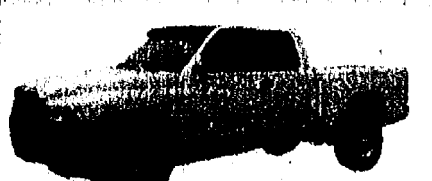
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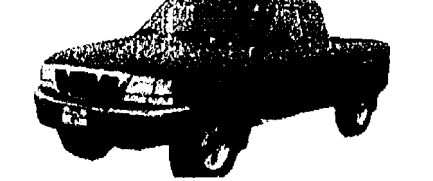
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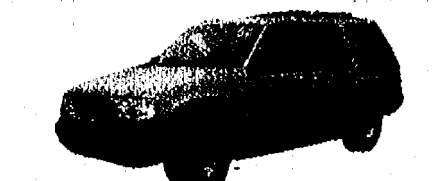
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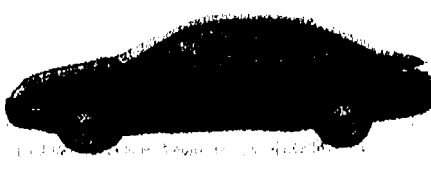
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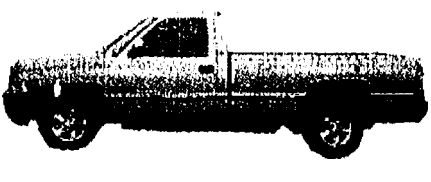
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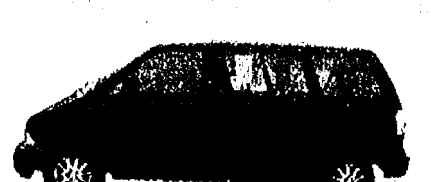
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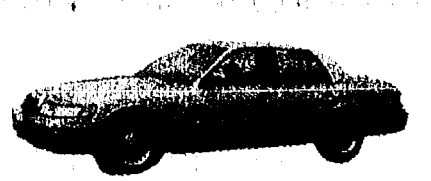
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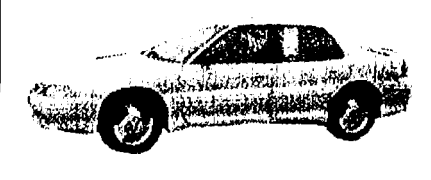
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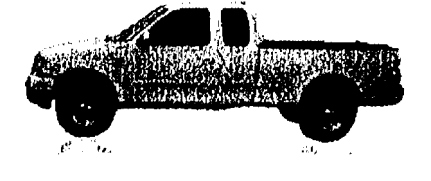
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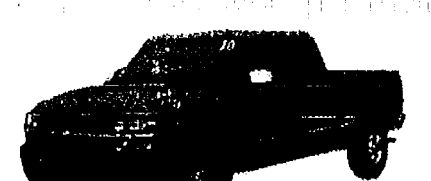
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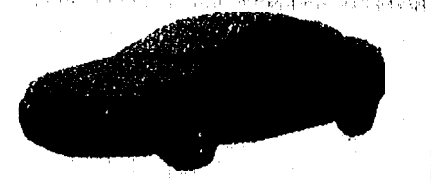
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2001 IN REVIEW

Happy New Year! With 2001 now officially over and done with, the *Crawford County Avalanche* presents Part 2 of its "2001: Year in Review," featuring selected news, sports, and feature story summaries from 2001 *Avalanche* editions, July through December. (Part 1 of the 'Year in Review,' featuring January through June, appeared in last week's *Crawford County*

Avalanche.)

Note: '2001 in Review' story summaries are listed according to the month the news story was published in the *Avalanche*, which is not necessarily the month in which the event occurred. At the end of each story summary in parentheses is the date of the *Avalanche* edition the story appeared.

JULY

- The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event at Grayling High School raised over \$20,000 to help in the fight against cancer. (July 5)

- Many Crawford County citizens expressed an interest in obtaining a concealed weapon permit, after a new state law was passed requiring county gun boards to issue permits to carry concealed weapons to anyone over the age of 21 who has no history of felony convictions or mental illness. (July 5)

- Air Way Automation's 8th Annual Industrial Park Independence Day Parade helped celebrate the Fourth of July holiday and raised money for Crawford County Habitat for Humanity. (July 5)

- Crawford County United Way announced the hiring of Grayling resident Cynthia Timmons as the organization's new executive director. (July 5)

- The annual VFW Parade, held on the morning of July 4th, featured many floats and helped local residents kick off Independence Day. (July 12)

- Brad Gorski, a Grayling High School baseball player, was named to the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association All-State "Second Team" as an out-

fielder. Gorski, a senior, batted .524 in the 2001 season with 28 RBI, 36 runs scored, and 10 steals. As a pitcher, he posted 6-0 record with a 1.29 ERA and 65 strikeouts. (July 12)

- A 34-year-old Frederic man who held local law enforcement officers at bay in June was scheduled for arraignment in 46th Circuit Trial Court on charges of fleeing and eluding police. (July 19)

- The Grayling Enhancement Committee, preparing to re-submit a revised grant application to the Michigan Department of Transportation for a proposed streetscape project, re-secured a commitment from the City of Grayling for \$75,000 per year for three years towards the project if the grant application is successful. (July 19)

- Following two months of investigation and undercover work with regard to cash shortages at Glen's Market in Grayling, the Grayling Police Department requested warrants for the arrest of six Glen's employees on embezzlement charges. (July 19)

- The Frederic Township Board appointed Doug Pratt to the position of zoning administrator following the resignation of the previous administrator. (July 19)



Calvin Hassel and Jeff Kolka finish first at the 2001 Spike's Challenge C-2 Canoe Race. (July 26 edition)

- A 32-year-old downstate man was killed in an ORV accident on a Beaver Creek Township trail when he lost control of his vehicle and struck some trees. (July 26)

- A 40-year-old Beaver Creek man was arrested in Ohio following a motorcycle accident due to an arrest warrant issued locally after a

complaint was filed with the Michigan State Police with regard to a theft of \$150,000 from a local business. (July 26)

- Two handguns were reported missing by Skip's Sport Shop following an apparent break-in. Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies, responding to an early

morning call, discovered the rear door had been opened and an inventory by store personnel revealed that two guns were missing. (July 26)

- The Grayling Police Department purchased a patrol bicycle from The Bike Shop in Grayling with an \$800 donation

from the Grayling Rotary Club. (July 26)

- Jeff Kolka of Grayling, defending AuSable Marathon champion, and his partner Calvin Hassel of Nebraska, won the 2001 Spike's Challenge C-2 Canoe Race. Hassel also won the C-1 Spike's Challenge Canoe Race. (July 26)

AUGUST

- The Crawford County Sheriff's Department arrested Randee Craig Johnson, a 40-year-old Beaver Creek man, for his alleged involvement in the May 29 murder of 21-year-old Grayling resident Shane Piehl. Johnson was charged with open murder in what the sheriff termed a "drug-related homicide." (Aug. 2)

- Six former employees of Glen's Family Market in Grayling were charged with embezzlement after turning themselves into police. Police said the six participated in a "sweetheart scheme," allowing one another to pay only a fraction of the cost of cart-loads of merchandise as they went through check-outs. (Aug. 2)

- Defending AuSable River Canoe Marathon champions Serge Corbin and Jeff Kolka won their sixth consecutive marathon. (Aug. 2)

- The City of Grayling adopted a new zoning ordinance, replacing the ordinance that had been in place since 1960. (Aug. 2)

- Wireless internet service became available in Grayling with the installation of a new cellular tower in the Grayling Industrial Park. The tower was put in by Grayling-Area.com and Internet 2000. (Aug. 2)

- Crawford County voters turned down a five-year millage

proposal to restore 24-hour Sheriff's Department road patrol and increase staffing for the county jail. The proposal was defeated 1,301 to 934, with 19 percent voter turn-out. (Aug. 9)

- The Grayling Redskins Football Program added two teams of third and fourth graders to its program, bringing the total number of Redskins football teams up to six. The program now has teams for players in grades 3-8. (Aug. 9)

- Fifty-one bicyclists competing in the first annual Black Bear Bicycle Tour raced from Grayling to Oscoda at the same time canoes paddled from Grayling to Oscoda in the 54th AuSable River Canoe Marathon. (Aug. 9)

- The Crawford County Historical Museum hosted its 4th Annual Heritage Days festival. (Aug. 16)

- After weeks of dry conditions and extreme fire danger, the Grayling area got some rain, but the rain storm caused brief power outages and scattered property damage. (Aug. 16)

- Over 140 runners competed in the GRA 10K, the second leg of Grayling Recreation Authority's Triple Crown. The event, held in the City of Grayling, also featured a fun run. (Aug. 16)

- Grayling High School instituted a new system for its season

sports passes, color coding the passes for "better control." (Aug. 16)

- A Mercy Hospital Grayling operating room was the site of northern Michigan's first knee replacement surgery using a new type of prosthesis that can last for 30 years. Most last about 10 years. The surgery was performed by Dr. Angus Goetz III, D.O. (Aug. 23)

- The Crawford County Library Board of Trustees accepted a "mutually acceptable termination agreement" with Tracie Compton, who had served as Director of the Crawford County Library and its branch libraries for almost 10 years. (Aug. 23)

- The Michigan Department of Transportation's Bureau of Aeronautics asked the city if it would consider taking on the responsibilities of fixed base operator (FBO) at the Grayling Army Airfield, following the departure of the previous FBO. (Aug. 23)

- Hundreds of people participated in the 10th annual Lovells Bridge Walk in Lovells Township. The event is a small-scale version of the annual Mackinac Bridge Walk held on Labor Day. (Aug. 23)

- Governor John Engler participated in the annual Michigan National Guard Memorial and Review ceremony at Camp Grayling. (Aug. 30)




Governor John Engler participates in the annual Memorial & Review Ceremony at Camp Grayling's parade field. (August 30 edition)

- Four local teens and their crew leader worked many hours cleaning discarded items out of the area's

woods and waterways this summer through a project coordinated by the Grayling Fish Hatchery Club

and funded by a grant from a Gaylord drilling company. (Aug. 23)



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2001 IN REVIEW – SEPTEMBER

- Phase I work began in the Grayling Fish Hatchery Restoration Project. Phase I, a \$400,000 effort, includes beautification and naturalization of the hatchery grounds. (Sept. 6)
- The new 2.4-mile paved trail from the City of Grayling to Grayling High School, the Grayling Bicycle Turnpike, was officially dedicated with a ceremony at the trail. (Sept. 6)
- Security was heightened at Camp Grayling following the September 11 terrorist attacks in New York, Washington D.C., and Pennsylvania. Under ThreatCon Bravo alert, access to the camp was restricted. (Sept. 13)
- All after-school activities were cancelled in the wake of the September 11 attacks. (Sept. 13)
- Hundreds of people from the Mobilization and Equipment Training Site (MATES) and Anglers of the AuSable participated in an annual clean-up of the AuSable River. (Sept. 13)
- As a result of the events of September 11, Camp Grayling's alert status was elevated to ThreatCon Charlie, the second-highest state of alert. New restrictions included a barricade at the front gate. (Sept. 20)
- Gas prices shot up locally and all across the state after the September 11 terrorist attacks, then fell after government officials issued warnings. (Sept. 20)
- Local taxidermist Tony Rusiecki won a national first place award for a whitetail deer pedestal he created entirely from scratch. (Sept. 20)
- The Grayling Generating Station began using tire derived fuel in its wood-stoked boiler fires following a three-year process that included test burns, emissions monitoring, public comment, and final approval by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. (Sept. 27)
- Crawford County, which receives federal money due to its large percentage of tax-exempt federally-owned land, received word it will be getting about \$15,000 more than expected (a total of about \$28,000) from the federal government. (Sept. 27)
- The Grayling Police Department recovered a stolen 1999 Oldsmobile Cutlass, and multiple suspects were arrested



Camp Grayling's flag flies at half mast after September 11. (September 13 edition)

- in connection with the crime. The vehicle was found in a wooded area with extensive damage. (Sept. 27)
- The Animal Shelter of Crawford County elected four new members to its board of directors. (Sept. 27)
- The Department of Natural Resources conducted an annual fish survey on the Mainstream of the AuSable River, using a series of shocks to access fish for purposes of checking age, population, and growth of fish. (Sept. 27)
- Seven mens softball teams competed in 2nd Annual Anthony Jurkovich Memorial Softball Tournament. The event raised several hundred dollars for a scholarship fund established by the proceeds of the first tournament. (Sept. 27)



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2001 – OCTOBER

- The 989 area code officially and permanently replaced 517 in Crawford County and other northern Michigan counties after a transition period of a few months. (Oct. 4)
- What was considered "long distance" in northern Michigan was changed with the expansion of local telephone call areas. Calls from Grayling to Gaylord, Roscommon, Higgins Lake, and Mio are no longer toll calls. (Oct. 4)
- Over 2,000 people visited the Artrain, a mobile museum featuring the "Artistry of Space." The Cultural Events Program coordinated the event. (Oct. 4)
- A 35-year-old male breaking and entering suspect was taken into custody by police after being found asleep in the home he allegedly entered illegally in Maple Forest. The man was placed in the county jail charged with felony 2nd degree home invasion and felony malicious destruction to police property (for kicking out a patrol car window). (Oct. 4)
- A Royal Oak man died in a single-car crash on I-75 near mile marker 258. Alcohol was not believed to have been a factor. (Oct. 4)
- Crawford AuSable Schools welcomed 21 new employees to the district. (Oct. 4)
- Russell P. Kidd was appointed by Michigan State University to be the new County Extension Director for the Crawford County MSU Extension office. The previous director, Roy Spangler, left the position after many years of service to the community. (Oct. 4)
- GHS seniors Keil Clough and Kelly Jansen were named Homecoming King & Queen. The Class of 2001 won the Spirit Cup. (Oct. 4)
- Camp Grayling was again placed in alert status "ThreatCon Charlie," the second-highest state of alert, following the beginning of bombing runs in Afghanistan by the U.S. and Britain. (Oct. 11)
- Crawford County United Way kicked off its 2002 fundraising campaign with the second annual C.A.R.E. Night, which raised about \$10,000 for United Way. (Oct. 11)
- Testimony began in the preliminary examination of murder suspect Randee Craig Johnson. Several witnesses, including the fiancée of the victim, took the stand. (Oct. 11)
- Lt. Col. Tom Lamie of Grayling, Deputy Post Commander and Public Information Officer at Camp Grayling, returned home after a six-month assignment in Bosnia as Commander of the 126th Press Camp Headquarters. (Oct. 11)
- The City of Grayling and Crawford County made arrangements to have the railroad crossing in front of the County Building repaved with the inclusion of curb, gutter, and sidewalks. (Oct. 18)
- Grayling City Manager Allen Lowe announced his intention to run for state senate in the 36th District. The election will be held in November 2002. (Oct. 18)
- After the conclusion of testimony in the preliminary examination of murder suspect Randee Craig Johnson, the judge ordered Johnson to be bound over to 46th Circuit

- Court for arraignment on a charge of open murder. (Oct. 18)
- A legal suit, Animal Shelter of Crawford County vs. (former Animal Shelter Director) Dixie Lobsinger, was dismissed in 46th Circuit Trial Court.
- Grayling High School's golf team won the conference with a 14-0 league record. The team also won Regionals, a 21-team competition, to qualify for the State Golf Finals. (Oct. 18)
- Ninety-seven runners from all over Michigan competed in the annual Hartwick Pines Challenge Trail Run, the third leg of Grayling Recreation Authority's Triple Crown. Steve Seager, the winner of the Hartwick Pines race, and Chris Seager were the Triple Crown winners. (Oct. 18)
- With costs rising and revenues falling, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners continued to work on a problematic budget. The county was faced with the prospect of having to work with about \$223,000 less in 2002 than in 2001. (Oct. 25)
- According to a survey by the Michigan Deer Crash Coalition, 432 of 910 automobile crashes (47 percent) in Crawford County in 2000 involved deer. (Oct. 25)
- The City of Grayling purchased 62 acres of property in the Industrial Park with hopes of selling the land to developers to help bring more jobs and industry to the Grayling area. (Oct. 25)
- The Ice House Quilt Shop's fifth annual Quilt for a Cure raised almost \$1,000 for breast cancer research. (Oct. 25)
- Five candidates, including two incumbents, campaigned for one of two available seats on the Grayling City Council. (Oct. 25)
- The GHS golf team placed 5th in the state in Division III. Out of 135 teams in the division, only 21 qualified for the State Finals, and only four of those finished ahead of the Vikings at the two-day State Meet. (Oct. 25)

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2001 IN REVIEW - NOVEMBER

• A watershed restoration project involving the placement of whole trees into the AuSable River by helicopter was conducted on the several different stretches of the AuSable East Branch in Lovells Township. Huron Pines RC&D coordinated the project with the AuSable River Watershed Committee, and the AuSable North Branch Association raised the money, about \$80,000. (Nov. 1)

• The GMS 8th grade girls basketball (white) team finished its 2001 regular season with an 8-1 win/loss record. (Nov. 1)

• Local official Terry Wakeley was inducted into the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan's hall of honor. He has been a registered official since 1964. (Nov. 1)

• In the November 6 city council election, challengers Roger Moshier and Kathy Awizus defeated incumbents Marilyn Palmer and D.J. Brown and one other challenger to win four-year terms on the council. (Nov. 8)

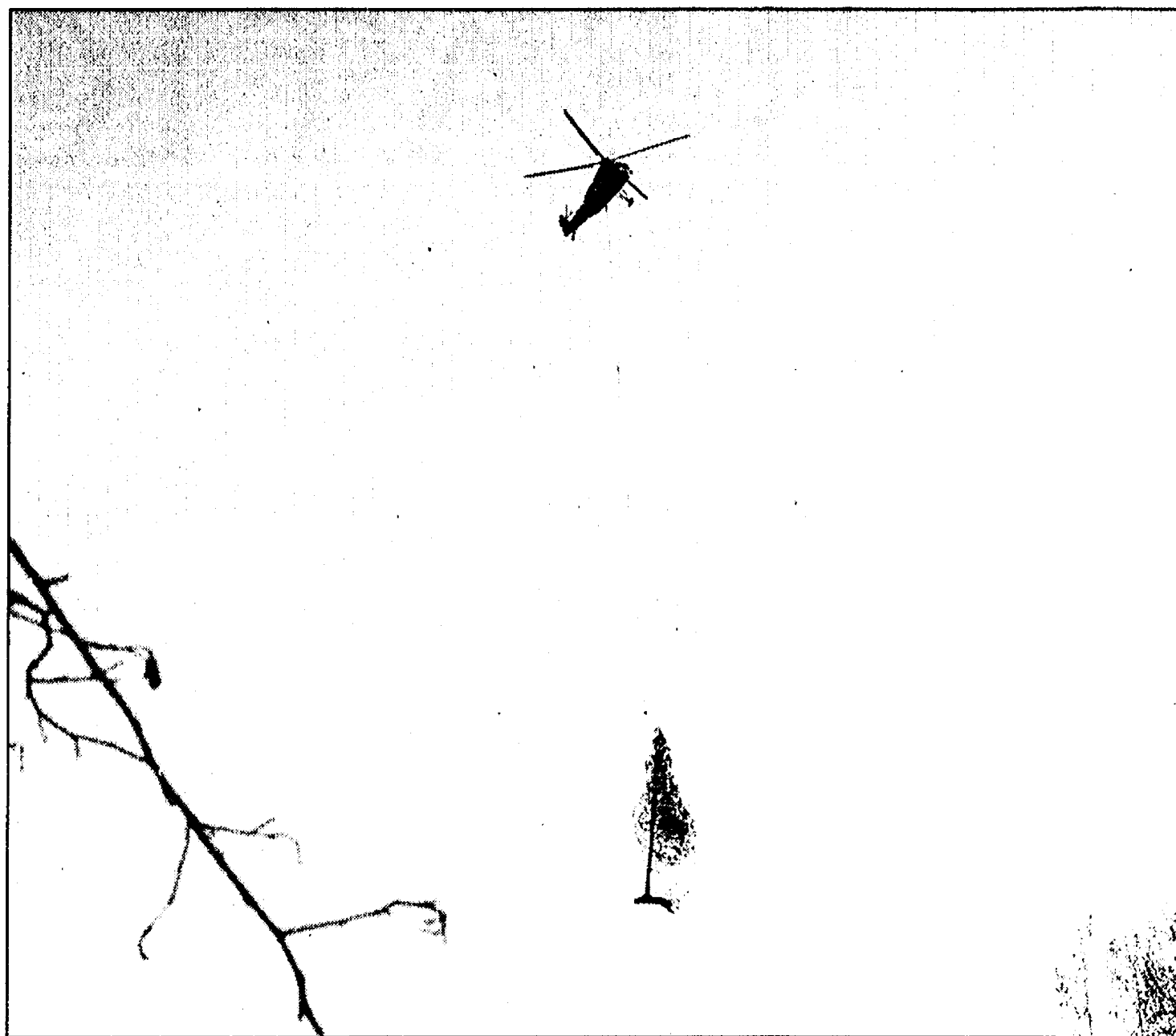
• The Grayling Promotional Association chose Gail Madsen of Grayling as its "Member of the Year" for 2001. (Nov. 8)

• The third of three suspects accused of causing over \$14,000 in damage to the Grayling High School football field and track was sentenced in 46th District Court. The three suspects were sentenced to periods of probation, jail time, community service, and about \$4,700 in restitution each. (Nov. 8)

• Accused of stealing \$150,000 from a Grayling business, Michael Patrick Bergan of Beaver Creek pled guilty to felony larceny charges in 46th District Court. Sentencing was set for December. (Nov. 15)

• Jeannie Pratt was named the new Executive Director of Crawford County Habitat for Humanity. (Nov. 15)

• Eight dogs from the Animal Shelter of Crawford County were recruited for training in the



A tree is airlifted by helicopter to the AuSable North Branch in Lovells during a watershed restoration project coordinated by RC&D. (November 1 edition)

Leader Dog for the Blind program. (Nov. 15)

• The Grayling City Council selected Dave Wyman to be its new Mayor and Jerry Hayes for the position of Mayor Pro-Tem following the November 6 city council election. (Nov. 22)

• The Grayling High School Players performed three sold-out shows of the musical "Grease" at GHS's Joseph Stripe Auditorium. (Nov. 22)

• A local family of six lost its home to fire just prior to Thanksgiving. The family members were not injured in the blaze. (Nov. 22)

• After a slow start, the buck pole at Skip's Sport Shop filled up, ending the two-day event with 43 total bucks. Fourteen deer were brought in on an unseasonably warm opening day of firearm deer season, and 29 came in on day two. (Nov. 22)

• GHS cross country runner Scott Latusck qualified for the State Finals, and placed 45th out of 261 runners at the state competition. (Nov. 22)

• In two hours, the 8th Annual Crawford AuSable Community Thanksgiving Dinner served 620 people, 300 of which were home-delivered. (Nov. 29)

• Facing a decrease in revenues, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners voted to reduce the county budget by offering early retirement windows, increasing county fees, and asking the sheriff to trim more than \$50,000 from his budget. (Nov. 29)

• The Frederic Township Board signed an addendum to its trash service contract with Waste Management, extending the life of the contract till June 30, 2005 and switching the

township's weekly pick-up day from Tuesday to Monday. (Nov. 29)

• The Crawford County Road Commission learned its main source of funding, MTF (Michigan Transportation Funds), have been cut by the state due to an executive order by the governor, reducing the Road Commission's revenues by almost \$70,000 per year. (Nov. 29)

• Four Grayling High School football players, Keil Clough, Juell Joseph, Ryan Swope, and Roy Czapek, earned all-conference recognition. (Nov. 29)

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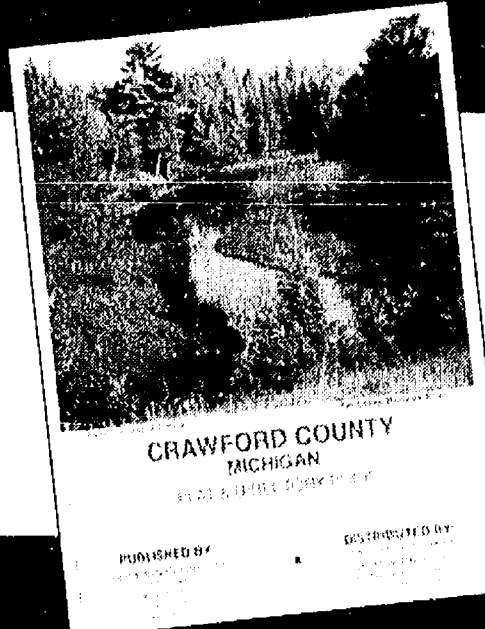


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2001 - DECEMBER

• Jurors in Kalkaska's 46th Circuit Court found former Grayling teen center owner Michael Tironi guilty on one count of 2nd degree criminal sexual conduct and two counts of furnishing alcohol to minors after four days of testimony. Tironi was the owner of Entertainment & Beyond in Grayling. (Dec. 6)

• Local youngsters visited with Santa Claus and picked out Christmas gift items at the annual Breakfast With Santa event. (Dec. 6)

• Grayling Middle School thespians performed two renditions of "The Rent Christmas" featuring two entirely different casts. (Dec. 6)

• The Grayling Township Transfer Station's recycling center, which is open to all Crawford County residents, began accepting styrofoam. (Dec. 6)

• Grayling High School boys basketball and girls volleyball players, in addition to middle school boys basketball athletes, were introduced at the annual Meet the Team Night at GHS. Each team participated in a scrimmage game for the fans. (Dec. 6)

• A downstate man living in a local apartment complex was arrested for allegedly plotting to kidnap, rape, and murder a local woman. After his arrest, police discovered the suspect, Jamie Emery Pierce, 26, was wanted in Wayne County on two counts of 2nd degree criminal sexual con-

duct. (Dec. 13)

• Over seven miles of fencing was installed around the cantonment area of Camp Grayling. The fencing closed off public access to the camp's beach and boat launch. Camp officials said the fencing was added due to increased military base security following the September 11 terrorist attacks. (Dec. 13)

• Gary William Shepherd, 49, was arrested for allegedly holding up the a local gas station on Thanksgiving Day. (Dec. 13)

• The Michigan Supreme Court re-appointed the Honorable Alton T. Davis as Chief Judge for the 46th Circuit Trial Court. (Dec. 13)

• Two 18-year-olds pled guilty to charges of malicious destruction of property over \$200 and were sentenced to 90 days in jail, \$700 in fines, and 80 hours of community service in 46th Circuit Trial Court after allegedly trying to unearth a grave in a Beaver Creek cemetery with help from a 16-year-old accomplice. (Dec. 13)

• A 48-year-old Sterling Heights man was arrested for using a 23-inch silencer while deer hunting in Crawford County woods. Manufacturing or possessing a silencer is a federal offense. (Dec. 13)

• Grayling High School's freshman, junior varsity, and varsity boys basketball teams opened the 2001-02 season with wins at Roscommon in a basketball tripleheader. (Dec. 13)

• The lack of snowfall in

Grayling, and with it the lack of skiers and snowmobilers venturing up north, has proven to be quite costly for area businesses. (Dec. 20)

• Local businessman Bill Gannon purchased the former Fred Bear Archery property on M-72 West. The property has been slated for clean-up and redevelopment by the Crawford County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. (Dec. 20)

• Several accidents and mishaps, including one involving a Sheriff's Department vehicle, occurred after the first heavy snowfall of the year. Patrol Sergeant Rich Meyer, who was helping a motorist fill out an accident report in his patrol vehicle, was injured when a vehicle struck the patrol car. Meyer reportedly suffered a concussion and a laceration to the head, but was expected to make a full recovery. (Dec. 27)

• Twenty-eight Grayling High School students were inducted into the National Honor Society's AuSable Chapter. (Dec. 27)

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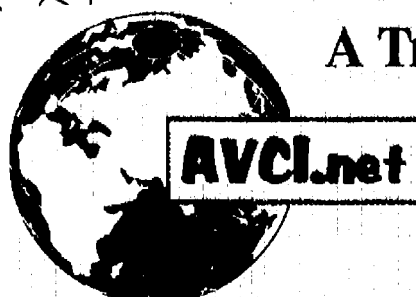
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SPORTS & RECREATION

8th grade teams off to a 6-1 start 'White' team wins its first three games

► GMS basketball squad opens with three victories by large margins

Grayling Middle School's 8th grade (white) boys basketball team opened its 2001-02 season in December with three consecutive wins prior to holiday break.

The Vikings defeated West

Branch Surline (twice), and Houghton Lake by big margins in pre-break match-ups.

On December 10, Grayling opened with a home game against West Branch. The Vikings won 46-4.

"We played an aggressive defense and it created turnovers, which we converted into easy baskets," said Coach Jim Burch. "Ryan Feldhauser played an outstanding floor game and directed the team. We rebounded and pushed the ball up the court."

Joel Wilson was the leading scor-

er for GMS in the team's season opener vs. Surline with 18 points. Zack Dean finished with 10 points. Mitchell Salyers, Matt Larson, Neil Cook, Ryan Feldhauser, and Mike Terry also had points for the Vikings in the match.

On December 12, Grayling defeated the Bobcats of Houghton Lake 47-19 at Houghton Lake.

Wilson again led Grayling's scoring attack with 18. Feldhauser scored 12, Cook finished with eight, Dean had six, and Terry scored three.

"Our pressing defense again cre-

ated turnovers, which were converted into easy baskets. The team played well for this early in the season. Again, Ryan Feldhauser and Joel Wilson played well, leading the team defensively and offensively," said Coach Burch.

The Vikings defeated West Branch for the second time this season on December 17 in a game at Surline. The final score was Grayling 48, West Branch 11.

"The team played well," said Coach Burch. "With all members contributing to the victory, we had balanced scoring. Again the

defense created turnovers. Mitchell Salyers played well in his first start."

Salyers was Grayling's leading scorer with 14 points. Larson and Dean each scored eight, Feldhauser and Wilson had seven each, and Cook and Alan Lehman added two points apiece.

The team resumes its season schedule with a home game against Kalkaska on Monday, January 7.

"(Kalkaska) is always a tough opponent," said Coach Burch.

The Vikings play at Roscommon on Wednesday, January 9.

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'Green' squad wins two, loses one

► Vikings defeat West Branch twice, fall to Bobcats of Houghton Lake

The GMS 8th grade boys basketball (green) team won two games and lost one prior to holiday break in December.

The Vikings defeated West Branch twice but lost to Houghton Lake by 10 points in the team's first three matches of the 2001-02 season.

On December 10, Grayling

opened its season with a 41-20 win over West Branch Surline at GMS.

"A good team performance, being the first game," said Coach Gary Summers. "Travis Webb's eight points off the bench was a huge boost. If we can score 40 points on a regular basis, the team should be in most games."

Rob Starks and Zach Baker were Grayling's scoring leaders vs. West Branch with 13 and 10 points, respectively. Regan Schmidt and Webb each finished with eight points.

On December 12, the Vikings lost a road game at Houghton Lake

29-19.

"Our first away game had to be played without our outstanding forward Rob Starks, out due to illness," said Coach Summers. "Our scoring output obviously lacked, but we're very pleased with the effort. Holding Houghton Lake to 29 points is outstanding. We're definitely looking forward to their trip to our gym."

Baker, Zeke Hayes, Schmidt, and J.C. Schneider scored points for GMS in the Houghton Lake game.

Grayling bounced back with a 33-point win over West Branch Surline on December 17, 53-20.

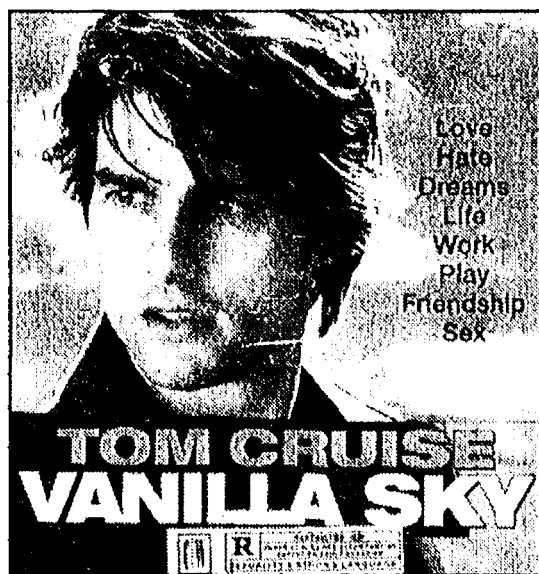
Schmidt led Grayling with 20 points. Starks had 15. Baker, Schneider, A.J. Powers, and Webb also scored for GMS in the match.

"Our offense was back on track as we scored 30 points in the first half. Our defense worked hard also, not allowing Surline many easy points," said Coach Summers. "Christmas break keeps us away from practice and games, but the kids have worked hard, I'm sure they'll pick up where we left off."

The Vikings are scheduled to play Kalkaska in Grayling on Monday, January 7. On January 9, the team plays at Roscommon.

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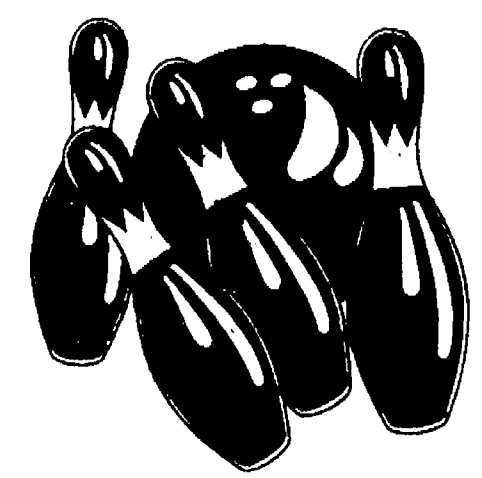
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HEALTHLINE

by Linda Demarchis, M.S., Health Educator

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MORE GOOD NEWS ABOUT EXERCISE

QUESTION: I know exercise increases our cardiovascular health but I thought I read recently it decreases your cancer risk as well. Did I really read this?

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- help maintain healthy weight
- increase energy levels
- reduce stress, anxiety, depression
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But do most people know that exercise is now linked to cancer reduction? Probably not! However, according to the American Institute for Cancer Research, scientific evidence shows that regular activity protects against colon cancer and possibly lung and breast cancers. Because regular physical activity controls weight gain, it may also help fight obesity related cancers such as those of the endometrium, kidney, breast, colon and gall bladder.

How does physical activity help reduce cancer risk? There are several theories:

- Exercise helps move food more quickly through the digestive tract possibly reducing the time cancer causing food components are in the body.
- Physical activity alters the way our bodies respond to hormones.
- Regular exercise helps the body use insulin, reducing "insulin resistance" that increases cancer risk.
- Estrogen is influenced by physical activity and lower levels of estrogen may reduce breast cancer risk.

- People who exercise may eat more fruits and vegetables thus benefiting from extra vitamins and minerals, fiber and phytochemicals.

To reduce cancer risk, the American Institute for Cancer Research recommends an hour of moderate activity each day plus an hour of vigorous activity each week. These recommendations can be broken down into 5, 10 or 15 minute segments if necessary. The important thing is to get moving. However, if you are not currently active, the goal set by the AICR is not something to attempt all at once. Gradually build up to this healthy level of activity.

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Stupak initiates Olympic scholarship fund

WASHINGTON - On December 19 the U.S. House approved \$1 million for the B.J. Stupak Olympic Scholarship Program, a program that allows Olympic-aspiring college student athletes to train while pursuing an education.

Although created by Congress as part of the Higher Education Reauthorization Act of 1992, Stupak won first funding for the Olympic Scholarship Program in 1998. Renamed by Stupak's Congressional colleagues in honor of his late son, the fund will benefit the U.S. Olympic Education Center at Northern Michigan University in

Marquette, one of four Olympic training centers in the U.S.

The fund is needed, Stupak said, because too many American Olympians postpone or even forego an education in order to train to represent the United States in the Olympic Games.

"For many of our Olympians, colleges and universities do not offer athletic scholarships in their sport," Stupak said, noting that Olympians face other costs besides tuition. "Unlike college athletes, many Olympic athletes spend thousands of dollars annually on equipment and travel, and they can only attend col-

lege if scholarships are provided."

In addition to providing funding for the program, language included in the bill by Stupak and Rep. Randy "Duke" Cunningham, R-Calif., will make the scholarship program easier to administer by the participating schools and will help ensure that the military benefits of Olympic prospects who are veterans are not penalized by the scholarship program.

Judith Baily, NMU president, said the B.J. Stupak Scholarship Fund was important both for the school's Olympic Education Center and for Olympians. "This funding will pro-

vide an opportunity for Olympic athletes to pursue their dreams of Olympic success and their dreams of an education," she said.

Funding for the Olympic Scholarship Program is included in the final version of the fiscal year 2002 appropriations bill for the Departments of Education, Labor, and Health and Human Services. Also included in the bill is an allocation of \$300,000 for an information-sharing project in northern Michigan called Operation UPLink, and \$500,000 to establish a program of professional training at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City.

LEGAL ACTION

SYNOPSIS GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD Regular Meeting December 12, 2001

Members Present: Tom Hall, Janice Annis, Ruth O'Mara, Monica Ashton, Terry Wright.
Members Absent: None
Others Present: Lynnette Corlew, Carson Randall.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.
Motion by Annis, second by O'Mara, to approve minutes of November 14, 2001 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's report for November was read and placed on file.

Correspondence: (No action required) E-911 Activity Report for November, AuSable Valley Snowmobile Assoc. Newsletter, Recycling Report.

Citizens Who Wish to Speak: Carson Randall asked if the township or county has plans to resurface Margrethe Blvd? Supervisor noted there is nothing in the five year plan regarding Margrethe Blvd.

Business:

1. Motion by Annis, second by Ashton, to re-approve revised County Road Commission Policy for Placement of Street Name Signs on Public and Private Roadways. All ayes, motion carried.

2. Motion by O'Mara, second by Ashton, to adopt a resolution opposing incorporation as a Charter Township. All ayes, motion carried.

3. Discussion on adoption of ordinance dealing with burning of leaves. Motion by O'Mara, second by Ashton, that Supervisor draft letter for Commissioner Corlew to introduce to sanitation committee recommending that open burning of leaves and brush be included in the county health code when it is deemed to be creating a nuisance or health hazard. All ayes, motion carried. Results of the mail-in law enforcement survey conducted by Supervisor Wright were distributed to Board members for study.

Supervisor provided draft of "Letter of Understanding" between City of Grayling, Beaver Creek Township and Grayling Township which outlines several agreements which if ratified will assist the three local municipalities to work in cooperation to support economic growth and create jobs in the county.

6. Supervisor's Report.

7. County Budget update by Commissioner Corlew.

8. Motion by O'Mara, second by Annis, to approve payment of claims on vouchers 23327-23361, Guardian Dental \$618.48, Liquor inspections \$180.00, Board & Comm. fees \$70.00 for a grand total of \$21,683.66. Ayes: five, Nays: none, Absent: none. Motion carried.

9. Motion to adjourn by Annis, second by O'Mara, carried. All ayes.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

SYNOPSIS BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD Regular Meeting December 10, 2001

The regular meeting of the Township Board was called to order at 7:00 PM. Board members present: Riley, Balmes, Mobarak, Little and Hartman. There were 6 guests present.

Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Seconded and carried.

Larry Paxton was present requesting approval for the Final Plat Phase Two for Deerfield Estates. Motion made and seconded to approve the Final Plat Phase Two for Deerfield Estates. Motion passed.

Reports given by the Treasurer and Supervisor.

There were 9 pieces of correspondence.

Old Business:

1. A copy of the new sign policy from the Crawford County Road Commission was discussed.

New Business:

1. Motion by Mobarak and seconded by Balmes to accept the Holiday Hours for 2002 including the transfer site schedule, as presented. Motion carried.

2. Motion by Mobarak and seconded by Balmes to accept the Holiday Hours for 2002 including the transfer site schedule, as presented. Motion carried.

3. Discussion regarding zoning which is now under the County Zoning. The County is asking for more funding and the board must decide what they will do. There will be a special meeting in January to make decisions.

4. Motion to approve getting a used cell phone for use at the transfer site for \$5.99 per month in case of an emergency. Seconded and carried.

5. Mobarak will have books to give away to township residents the Saturday before Christmas, December 22nd, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.

6. Motion to pay the AP bills. Seconded and carried.

7. Motion to transfer \$10,300 to the Fire Department due to other funds. Seconded and carried.

8. Motion to transfer \$2,500 to the Park Fund. Seconded and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.
Sharon K. Hartman
Clerk

NOTICE OF SALE

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the condition of certain mortgage made on the 30th day of March, 1998, by Michael A. Moshier and Wassana Tomczak, to Northwestern Savings Bank & Trust, and recorded on April 2, 1998 in the office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, Michigan, in Liber 450, Page 378, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice FIFTY THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED NINETEEN AND 34/100 (\$53,719.34) DOLLARS and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, January 23, 2002, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning the lobby of the Crawford County Courthouse, located at 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738, there will be offered for sale and sold at the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five (\$75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the land and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Real property located in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, Michigan, more particularly described as Lot 29, Grayling Manor, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from date of sale.

Dated: December 10, 2001
Northwestern Savings Bank & Trust
Mortgagee
CALCUTT, CUNNINGHAM, DAVISON
ROGERS & BOYNTON
by: Jack E. Boynton (P23137)
109 E. Front Street, Suite 300
Traverse City, MI 49684

-20-27-3-10

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Brian Starks and Joyce E. Starks, husband and wife of Crawford County, Michigan, Mortgagee to The Administrator of the Small Business Administration dated the 29th day of June, A.D. 1990, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan on the 21st day of September A.D. 1990, in Liber 316 of Crawford Records, on page 28, which said mortgage was thereafter on, to-wit the 25th day of October, A.D. 2001, assigned to Aurora Loan Services, Inc., thru mesne assignments and recorded on November 6,

2001 in the office of Register of Deeds in Liber 559 for said County of Crawford Records, on page 135 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$27,863.78 (twenty-seven thousand eight hundred sixty-three dollars and seventy-eight cents) including interest there on at 4.00% (four point zero zero) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage of any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 16th day of January A.D. 2002 at 10:00 a.m. o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the county building, in Grayling, Michigan, Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain place of land situate in the Township of Grayling, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit:

Lot 123, Grayling Mobile Estates No. 4, as recorded in Liber 3, Page 36 of Plats, Crawford County Records.

Tax ID: 20-040-45-283-00-123-00

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 31, 2001
WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.

By: Daniel E. Best (P-58501)
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee
Welman, Weinberg & Reis CO., L.P.A.
755 W. Big Beaver Rd. Ste. 310
Troy, MI 48064

-13-20-27-3-10

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Gary L. Holey and Tina Holey, Husband and Wife, of Grayling, Michigan (Mortgagors) to Household Finance Corporation III, (Mortgagee) a Delaware Corporation dated December 7, 2000 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on December 14, 2000 in Liber 525, Pages 29-32, Crawford County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of \$34,058.03 including interest at the rate of 14.843% per annum together with any additional sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned as provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 23rd day of January, 2002 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., the undersigned will:

at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan

foreclose said mortgage by selling at public auction to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amounts

STATE OF MICHIGAN NOTICE OF PROPOSED CLASSIFICATION AND NONMETALLIC MINERALS (SAND AND GRAVEL) LEASING

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) proposes to lease State-owned nonmetallic mineral (sand and gravel) rights in approximately 993.50 acres. These parcels are existing State sand and gravel pits being converted from mineral permits to leases in an effort to improve management and reclamation. The lands under consideration for leasing are located in the following areas:

SB#2001-5: Baraga County, Covington Township, T47N, R34W, Section 5, Entire (except SW1/4), 474.37 acres, more or less.

SB#2001-6: Baraga County, Covington Township, T48N, R34W, Section 32, SE1/4 NW1/4, SE1/4, & E1/2 SW1/4, 280 acres, more or less.

SB#2001-7: Schoolcraft County, Inwood Township, T41N, R17W, Section 15, NE1/4 NW1/4, 40 acres, more or less.

SB#2001-8: Crawford County, Lovells Township, T28N, R2W, Section 11, SE1/4 SE1/4, 39.13 acres, more or less & Section 14, NE1/4 NE1/4, 39.08 acres, more or less.

SB#2001-10: Roscommon County, Richfield Township, T22N, R1W, Section 14, SW1/4, 160 acres, more or less.

A list may also be obtained by writing the DNR, Forest, Mineral, and Fire Management, P.O. Box 30452, Lansing, MI 48909-7952, including a stamped, pre-addressed envelope. Written comments relative to the leasing of any description must be received by the Forest, Mineral, and Fire Management Division at the address specified above **NOT LATER THAN February 8th, 2002.**

due on said mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorneys fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows:

Land situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, is described as follows:

Lot 6, Timberidge Estates, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 3, Crawford County Records.

Tax ID #040-45-920-00-006-00

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty days from the date of such sale.

DATED: December 4, 2001

Mortgagee
Household Finance Corporation III,
McDonnell, Conley, Arslanian & Neveux, LLP

Richard L. McDonnell (P38788)
Attorney for Mortgagee

38500 Woodward Avenue, Suite 300
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304-5051
(248) 540-7500

-20-27-3-10-17

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by JOSEPH G. SWANIC and MARY SWANIC, husband and wife, of 205 Park St., Grayling, MI 49738, Michigan, Mortgagees, to RESOURCE ONE MORTGAGE, Mortgagee, dated the 17th of December, 1999 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 24th day of January, 2000 in Liber 519, Crawford County Records, Page 603, said mortgage now held by FIRST UNION NATIONAL BANK OF DELAWARE, by merger with FIRST UNION HOME EQUITY BANK, N.A., on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Thirty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Seven & 09/100 (\$39,827.09), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 23rd day of January 2002 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at front door to the county building in Grayling, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 13.9900 per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece of parcel of land situated in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford and State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

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Dated 12/20/01

FIRST UNION BANK OF DELAWARE

Mortgagee

Jonathan L. Engman (P56364)

FABRIZIO & BROOKE, P.C.

Attorney for First Union

888 W. Big Beaver, Ste. 1470

Troy, MI 48064

(248) 269-8684

-20-27-3-10-17

STATE OF MICHIGAN

PROBATE COURT

COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

File No. 01-6374-DE

Estate of John C. Armstrong, Deceased,
Date of Birth 11-10-1926

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, John C. Armstrong, who lived at 1309 N. Manistee River Road, Grayling, Michigan died 10/18/01.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Barbara Kovacs, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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Frederic, Michigan 49733
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Frederic Township residents be notified the Zoning Board of Appeals will be holding a public hearing on January 7, 2002, at 7:00pm in the Frederic Township Hall, located at 7564 C. R. 612, to hear the following case:

2001 ZBA 003 Owner: Lance and Diane Griffin, Petitioner
940 Wood River Rd.
Grayling, MI 49738
Parcel containing 3.8 acres.

Petitioners are requesting a variance in order to build an addition on their existing house which is closer to the Manistee River than the 100 ft setback that is required in the Frederic Manistee River District ordinance.

Tentative text and maps may be examined at the Frederic Township office during normal business hours.

Correspondence concerning the request should be directed to Frederic Township Zoning Dept. P.O. Box 78, Frederic, MI 49733. Telephone (989) 348-8840.

Douglas J. Pratt
Frederic Twp
Zoning Administrator

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO: PROPERTY OWNERS FRONTING WHIRLPOOL ROAD; AND THOSE PROPERTY OWNERS WHO MUST ACCESS WHIRLPOOL ROAD FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS TO THEIR PROPERTIES.

REGARDING: SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAVING WHIRLPOOL ROAD, Sections 1 & 12, T26N, R3W.

A citizen petition has been presented to Grayling Township, containing the names of more than 50 percent of the property owners along Whirlpool Road, requesting the township establish a special assessment district for the purpose of paving Whirlpool Road.

Under Public Act 188 of 1954 (MCLA 41.721 et seq.), Grayling Township has the obligation of investigating the establishment of such an authority. If approved, all costs for paving Whirlpool Road would be forwarded by the Township, then collected back from eligible property owners over a period of 5 years. The assessment would include a one percent administrative fee.

THE FIRST OF TWO MANDATORY PUBLIC HEARINGS on this project will be held on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2002, AT 7:00 P.M., IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE GRAYLING TOWNSHIP HALL, 2090 Viking Way (W M-72 Hwy), Grayling. At this hearing, comments and objections on the need for road improvements through a special assessment will be determined.

If it is determined to proceed, a second hearing will be set to determine the exact properties, which will be assessed, and exactly how much each assessment will be. Once the assessment has been set, Grayling Township will contract with the Crawford County Road Commission to perform the actual roadwork.

It is important to attend this hearing or forward your comments in writing in order to protect your rights of appeal. Correspondence may be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Phone (989) 348-4361 or FAX (989) 348-6713.

Project files and maps are available for inspection at the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way, during normal business hours.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

**GRAYLING TOWNSHIP
MEETING SCHEDULE 2002**

Township Board meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month.
Zoning Board of Appeals meets the 4th Monday of each month. (3rd Monday December).
Planning Commission meets the last Tuesday of each month.

All regularly scheduled meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Grayling Township Hall Meeting Room, 2090 Viking Way unless a change is posted.

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| 8. Cleveland | 16. Toledo (39) |

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Game 4 _____		Game 11 _____			
Game 5 _____		Game 12 _____		Tiebreaker 1 Game #1 _____	
Game 6 _____		Game 13 _____		Tiebreaker 2 game #9 _____	
Game 7 _____		Game 14 _____		Tiebreaker 3 game #16 _____	

Avalanche Football Contest Official Rules

(1) Contestants must list the advertiser in which each game is found. Write your prediction for the games played, advertisers, and tiebreakers (total points scored by both teams) on entry form. Entry form without advertisers listed will be invalid. The person with the most correct picks wins all the weekly prizes listed. If the tiebreakers can not determine a winner a drawing will be held to select a single winner. (2) One entry per person a week will be accepted. Crawford County Avalanche employees are not eligible. (3) Completed entry forms must be returned to the Avalanche office no later than 5 pm Friday before each week's games. Mail slot in our door may be used Wednesday or Thursday night after 5 pm and before 9 am. Mailed entries must be postmarked no later 5 pm Friday. Mail to Crawford County Avalanche, P.O. Box 490 Grayling, MI 49738. (4) Entries must be on an official entry form as printed in the Avalanche. No purchase necessary to enter. Entry forms are available at the Avalanche office. Winner may claim their prizes at the Avalanche office between 9 am and 5 pm weekdays. Identification and a social security number must be presented when claiming prizes.

Are you creating high long distance bills while using your home computer?

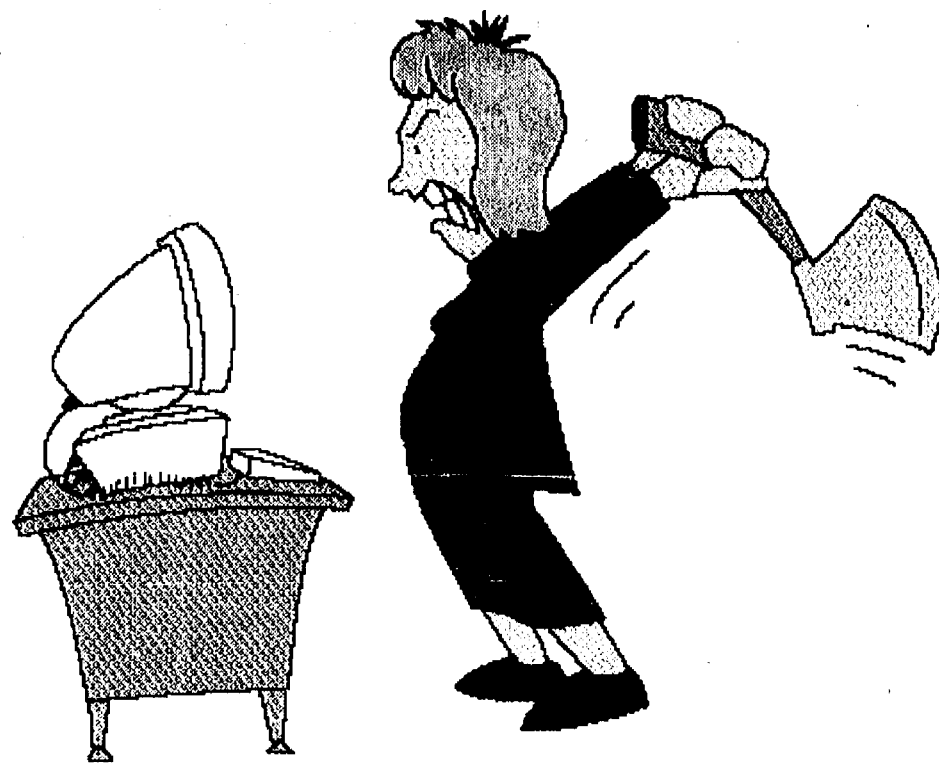
Have you received a telephone bill that included one or more calls made to another country? You or other members of your household may not remember placing the call, but its detail is included on the monthly telephone bill.

Now you must pay a large telephone bill! What you didn't realize is that you or someone in your home probably made the call with the computer doing the dialing!

What's happening? Some entertainment web sites include a link that, when clicked, automatically disconnects the user's Internet connection and dials an international long distance telephone number. Calling rates for these calls can easily reach and exceed \$7 per minute.

In the past, these sites were primarily related to adult entertainment, but have now expanded to include sites related to games, sports, psychic services, gambling, travel deals, and other topics.

Typically, the user is prompted to access more information on a topic. Sometimes a small print disclaimer



will appear on the monitor that informs the user that an international long distance telephone number is about to be dialed. But, often the number is dialed without warning, by a simple click on a link.

International calls may also be dialed and charged to customers who respond to unsolicited email. The email message is typically a brief teaser line promoting merchandise or a service. There usually is an attachment to the message that the user is encouraged to open to access more information. Once the attachment is opened, the computer dials the overseas call. Like the web site scams, these email scams include an array of consumer products and services.

How can you protect yourself while using your computer? Here are a few tips:

- Listen for suspicious dialing activity when using your computer. Turn up your modem's volume setting so you can hear it dialing. If you see an onscreen dialog box or icon indicating that your computer's modem is dialing when you did not direct it to, quickly disconnect the connection. Inexpensive switches may be purchased and connected to your modem for this purpose.
- Be cautious when surfing the Internet, especially when visiting unfamiliar web sites. Read online disclaimers carefully before you connect to a site. Be sure you understand what you are agreeing to before downloading a program.
- Talk to your family members about international dialing scams and review this information with them. It is important for parents to monitor their children's Internet usage and instruct them that international calls are expensive.
- Be cautious about opening unsolicited email and attachments -- even if they pass your anti-virus program's scrutiny.

• Request an international block from your local and long distance telephone companies for your computer line, and have a complete toll restriction placed on the computer line to prevent a connection for a long distance call (Verify that the block works.)

Who can you contact with a complaint? If you think you are a victim of a computer-generated international telephone scam, contact your local and long distance telephone companies and request an investigation. If you cannot resolve your complaint with your telephone companies, contact the following state and federal offices:

• Michigan Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division, P.O. Box 30213, Lansing, MI 48909; phone: (517) 373-1140 or toll-free, 1-877-765-8388; web site address: www.ag.state.mi.us.

• Federal Trade Commission (FTC), 600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W., Attn: Consumer Response Center, Washington, D.C. 20580; phone toll-free 1-877-382-4357; web site address: www.ftc.gov.

• Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Consumer Information Bureau, Common Carrier Complaints, 445 12th Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554; phone toll-free 1-888-225-5322; web site address: www.fcc.gov.

For more tips on telephone service, go to the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) web site at www.cis.state.mi.us/mpsc/execsec/alerts to get information on other Consumer Alert topics.

The MPSC is an agency within the Department of Consumer and Industry Services in Lansing.

Close the door on dryer fires

You could be heating up more than clothes in your laundry room.

Each year, according to the National Fire Protection Association, about 15,000 house fires start in clothes dryers, causing nearly \$70 million in damages. The most frequent causes of these fires are improper ventilation and/or poor maintenance, which allow lint to accumulate. When lint covers heaters, switches and motors in the dryer, fires can result.

Tips:

- Avoid leaving the dryer running when away from your home.
- Clean the lint trap after every use.
- Don't dry oily rags in your dryer.
- Don't operate the dryer without a lint filter.
- Ensure that the dryer is plugged into an outlet suitable for its electrical needs.
- Keep the dryer area free of combustibles such as clothing and boxes.

Adequate ventilation is key to not only the safety, but the performance of your dryer as well.

The dryer duct should vent directly outdoors, not into an attic, crawl space, or indoors. Ducts should be kept free of lint and combustible debris to prevent a fire from spreading outside of the dryer.

Use only metal dryer ducts. Plastic ducts can collapse, causing blockage and lint build up within the dryer. Plastic ducts may ignite or melt, and will not contain a fire within the dryer.

Follow the manufacturers' suggestions on length of ducting you should use, since appliances are tested and certified according to certain specifications. Make sure to consult your owner's manual for more information.

Hot spots:

While there are no sure signs that your dryer may catch fire, the following are some possible warning signs of trouble:

- Clothes, especially towels or jeans, take a long time to dry.
- Clothes are hotter than usual at the end of cycle.
- The flapper on the vent hood won't open when the dryer is on.

Consider having a professional disassemble your dryer to clean the lint and debris covering the heaters, switches and motors in your dryer and help prevent fires from occurring.

Source: National Fire Protection Association

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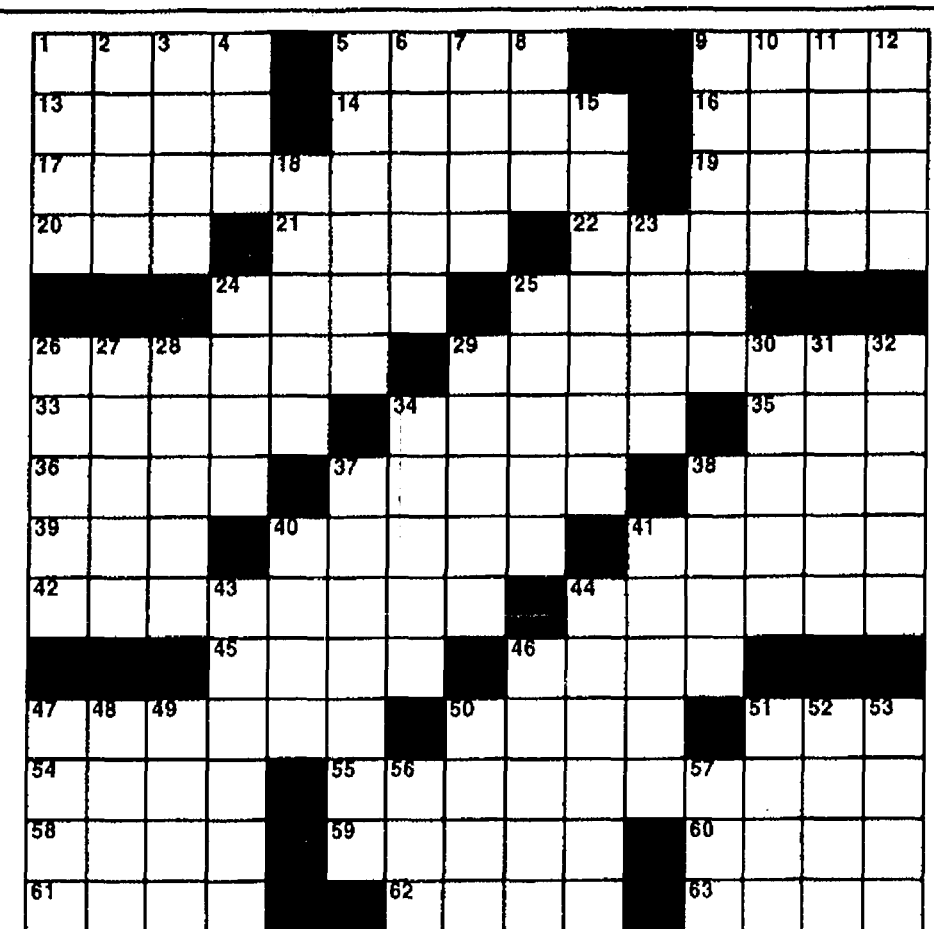
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ACROSS

1. Not us
5. The boundary of a surface
9. So long
13. James _____, American steam engineer
14. Got up
16. A raised platform
17. Gives further explanation
19. Canadian flyers
20. Member: shortened form
21. Egyptian cross
22. Copa _____
24. "Tie A Yellow Ribbon 'Round The Old Oak"
25. Place to store animals
26. Consented
29. Stand between
33. Reluctant fear
34. Centers
35. Affirmative vote
36. "M" For Murder
37. Sheets of glass
38. A grown cub
39. _____ bygones be bygones
40. Shows
41. To break down a sentence
42. Expunctions
44. Removed
45. Looks

46. The upper angle between an axis and an offshoot such as a branch or leafstalk
47. Large, public skeletal structure
50. "Do _____ others..."
51. The compass point that is one point north of due east
54. Off-Broadway theater award
55. Ones living in the New England states
58. Enthusiasm
59. Jan _____, Dutch painter
60. Wings
61. Neighboring planet to Earth
62. Formerly (archaic)
63. Millisecond: abbr.

DOWN

1. Pour
2. Nathan _____, famed astronaut
3. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
4. Mutual Savings Bank: abbr.
5. Gained
6. University in Iowa with bulldog mascot
7. Gothic: shortened form
8. The compass point midway between east and southeast
9. Hair stylist

10. Young Men's Christian Association: abbr.
11. Abba _____, Israeli politician
12. Couch
15. Gets away
18. Paddled
23. Turkish leader title
24. Greenish-blue
25. Demeter
26. Confuse
27. Robert Cooper _____, U.S. Justice
28. Tie again
29. Sound units
30. Red rock in Australia
31. Taunt
32. Having ears or earlike appendages
34. Concerns
37. Can't move
38. Semitic fertility god
40. Bouye!
41. Earlier
43. Siles: English form
44. The distance over which something extends
46. Enters a poker game
47. Ode
48. City 3000 B.C.
49. Fibber
50. Exploiter
51. Fishes, sometimes electric
52. Hillside
53. Newfound sect of Eastern Christianity: abbr.
56. Dined
57. Viet _____

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

Due to an error in last week's edition of the Avalanche, we are running the "Year's Past" that was supposed to run last week, in this edition of the Avalanche. We are sorry for any confusion or inconvenience.

23 Years Ago December 28, 1978

Holiday Inn expansion - One of the biggest pre-cast concrete beams in the state of Michigan if not the biggest, was lifted into place last Friday, part of Grayling's Holiday Inn multi-million dollar expansion program. The 49-ton concrete beam will be used to support a structure housing a swimming pool, game rooms and others, complimenting the Inn's attraction to the Grayling Area.

Even though thieves made off with \$576 in cash and checks from the Middle School, yearbooks will be delivered as scheduled. Dr. Bill Diedrich, School Superintendent, reported that the heist occurred during school hours on December 13 and that City Police Chief Pete Stephan, investigating the incident, has some good leads that may lead to early apprehension of the individuals involved.

The elementary school library was the recipient of \$800, thanks to the efforts of students who sold raffle tickets over a 2-week period for a quilt, made and donated for the project by Shirley McPherson. Top class winners in the fund-raising event were the fourth-graders in Marie Akers class, who raised \$78. Mrs. Gerald Timmins was the lucky winner.

46 Years Ago December 29, 1955

A meeting between a representative committee of Crawford County people and high officers of the Michigan National Guard has been set for Saturday, January 7 to be held at the Shoppenagons Inn.

The session to get underway at 10 a.m. will discuss and attempt to solve any problems that have arisen while the troops of the 46th Div. Michigan National Guard are encamped at Camp Grayling. The meeting will be an attempt by both parties to understand the other's problems and to try to plan adjustments and safeguards to aid each other.

Thirteen girls of the senior class of Grayling High School will compete for the title of Miss Grayling 1965 and the four Court of Honor post. The girls who will participate are: Frances Cady, Joan Cinciala, Ella Mae Cook, Shirley Harney, Alicia Hausmann, Delores Kolka, Dorothy Kolka, Gloria Millikin, Kay Ellen Pettengill, Karen Rasmussen, Mary Richardson, Jean Roberts and Marlene Vincent.

69 Years Ago December 29, 1932

Despite the fact that Old Man Weather just more than tried to make things uncomfortable on the day that George Burke's Santa Claus was to be at the community

Christmas tree, Santa put one over on him and the kiddies received their sacks of candy and nuts just the same. There was a steady down-pour of rain at the time that Santa was going to make his debut but hundreds of children were on hand. So George Olson, who was treating the youngsters to a free performance that afternoon, opened the doors of the Rialto and 657 children enjoyed seeing "Huckleberry Finn." After the show Santa Claus, who was cleverly portrayed by Jess Schoonover, met the children in the lobby of the theatre and gave them a hearty greeting and each one received a large sack of candy, peanuts and popcorn ball, and went home happy.

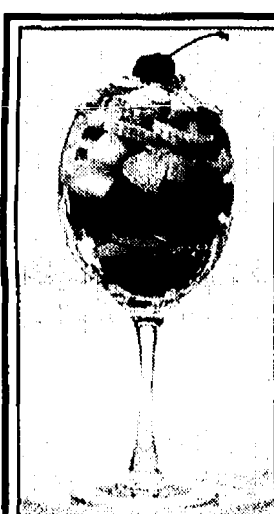
December 31st terminates the official duties of two of our efficient county officials - Sheriff Bobenmoyer and Register of Deeds Mrs. Eva Reagan. The former will be succeeded by Frank Bennett and Mrs. Regan by Ronnow Hanson, both of whom were elected Nov. 8th. Mr. Bennett hasn't announced his deputy appointments as yet, except that Frank May will continue as undersheriff. Neither Mr. Bobenmoyer nor Mrs. Regan have decided what they intend to do in the future. Both have been excellent officials and we trust their successors will be found equally efficient.

Jack Redhead reported last week during the cold spell that he saw a robin near his home on the AuSable, near the Adam Gierke home. We know that when Jack says this that he isn't mistaken for he has lived among wildlife since boyhood and knows what he is talking about.

Such a sight is rare at a time when the temperature hovers around and below zero every night, and the ground is covered with two feet of snow.

Augmented by additional equipment and favored by excellent weather conditions, the "winter sports" grounds on the Hanson Military Reserve near Grayling are bidding this winter for recognition as one of Michigan's outstanding winter sports areas. Through equipment furnished by the Parks Division of the Department of Conservation, the Grayling winter resort now has available toboggans, skis and snowshoes for the use of visitors. The Parks Division for several years has been interested in providing winter sports facilities at one of its parks but has not been able to finance such a project. Since the Grayling project was built on State land and since it was operated as public recreational area the Parks Division felt justified in co-operating with the Grayling Winter Sports Association in furthering this movement.

It is easily seen that the output of timber these days in comparison with the time when woodsmen were woodsmen in real earnest, with that of present day wood cutters. One of our citizens cites in comparison a time when our now postmaster, M.A. Bates, Henry Bates and Henry Stephan would cut from 150 to 200 Norway logs in a day, and the work done by four men recently when together they cut in a day 100 sticks four feet long and from 4 inches in size up. The difference seems incredible.



CHERRY BERRY PARFAIT

- 1 cup fresh sweet cherries
- 1 cup chopped fresh or canned pineapple

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

- 1 cup fresh raspberries or blueberries
- 1 cup low-fat vanilla or lemon yogurt
- 1 medium banana, sliced
- 1/3 cup chopped dates
- 1/4 cup sliced, toasted almonds

Set aside 4 whole cherries. Remove the pits and slice the remaining cherries in half. In stemmed glasses, layer the cherries, pineapple, raspberries, yogurt, banana and dates. Sprinkle with almonds on top and garnish with a whole sweet cherry.

HOROSCOPES

For the week of January 3rd thru January 9th

ARIES (March 20-April 18)

Discover the secret to success—stick to your word, do what you say you will and practice what you preach. Don't let hidden feelings get in the way of a friendship.

TAURUS (April 19-May 19)

Family and friends take center stage. A problem that has been lurking will move out into the open and you'll know exactly what to do. Focus on diet and be sure to get your rest.

GEMINI (May 20-June 20)

It's travel time, either physically or mentally. Explore unusual ideas and be open to learning from unexpected sources. Spend time with people who share your interests.

CANCER (June 21-July 21)

Take a lower profile and work behind the scenes to keep things running smoothly. Letting others take the credit now will pay off for you later. Keep a health resolution.

LEO (July 22-August 21)

It's time to let go of old hurts and mistakes. Don't be afraid to forgive or be forgiven. Encourage others to reach for their dreams. Set a positive example for loved ones.

VIRGO (August 22-Sept. 21)

Recognize someone who has been with you in good times and bad. They need a lift, and now is the perfect time. Focus on your finances and plug any holes in your budget.

LIBRA (September 22-Oct. 22)

Someone you considered an opponent is actually on your side. Strive for balance at home and work. What has happened in the past will continue to affect the present.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Be prepared when an opportunity presents itself. Don't get taken by surprise—someone in authority has their eye on you for advancement. Now is the time for that repair project!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 20)

This is a strong time for you—things are looking up at home and elsewhere. Stay focused on your goals and don't forget to take some time for yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 21-Jan. 18)

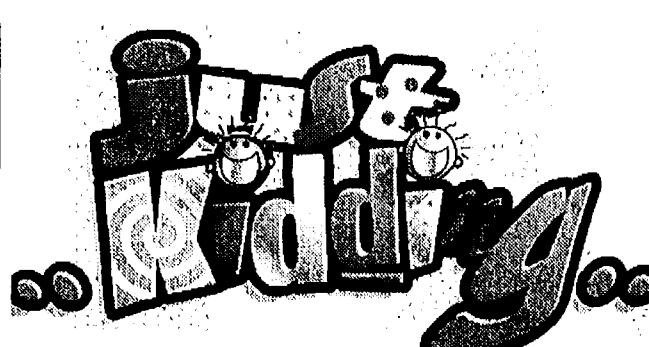
Be on guard—you may face opposition from unexpected places. Watch what's going on around you and be ready to seize opportunities as they arise. Keep an eye on your budget.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 19-Feb. 17)

Step away from the action for awhile and recharge your batteries. Taking time for yourself now will give you an edge later. Watch for a message from someone you admire.

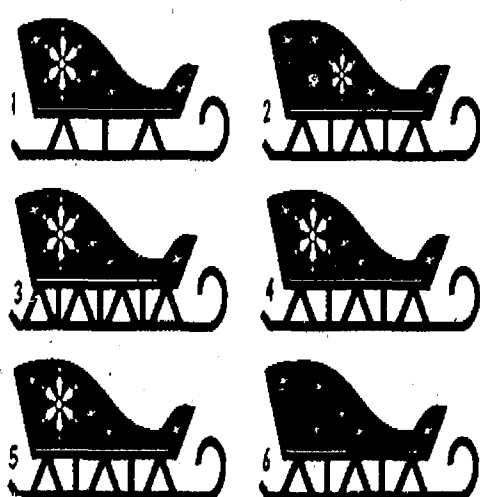
PISCES (February 18-March 19)

Awareness is the key to knowledge. Know what is going on around you and who is really on your side. Take stock of your assets and be ready for a major purchase.

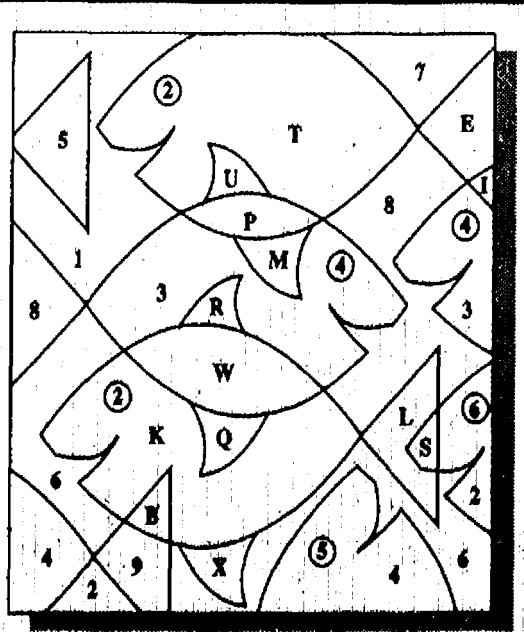


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WEATHER

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Last Week

Date	H	L	Moist. On Ground
12/25	29	19	5
12/26	21	8	5.5
12/27	22	9	5
12/28	24	10	5
12/29	23	3	6
12/30	21	2	9
12/31	20	16	10

Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the U.S. Excite Weather)

Weather	High	Low	Weather	High	Low	Weather	High	Low	Weather	High	Low
	25	17		23	8		21	11		27	17
Snow	Snow	Snow	Snow	Snow	Snow	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy

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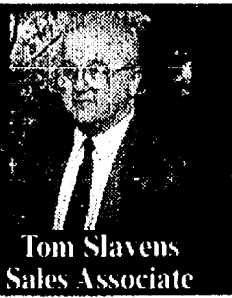
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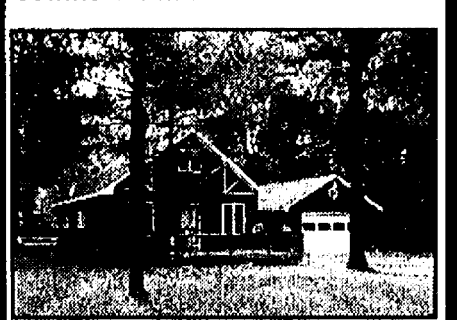
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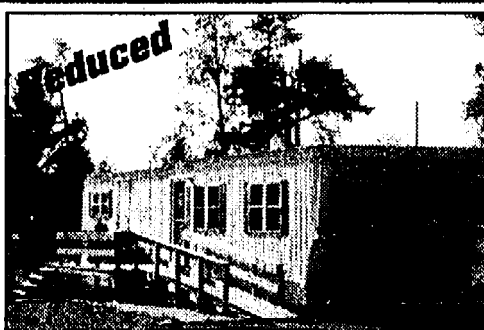
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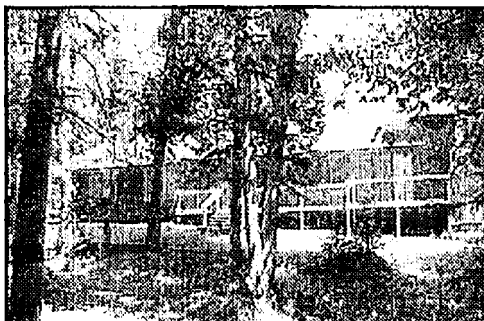
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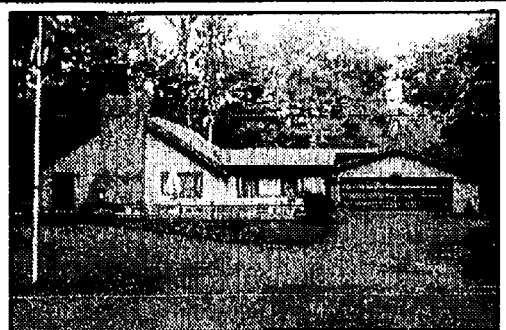


2 FAMILY INCOME UNIT. Ideal location in the City Limits. 4 B/R, 2 baths, approx. 1,490 s.f., recently remodeled, one car attached garage, rents for \$550.00 monthly. 2 B/R, 1 bath, approx. 528 s.f. rents for \$450.00 monthly. CH-1488 \$82,000

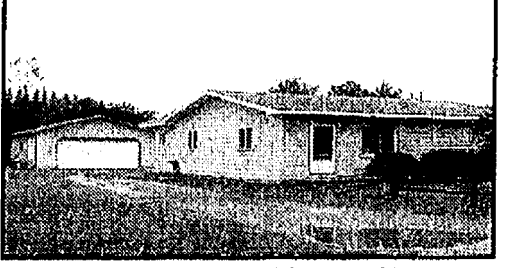


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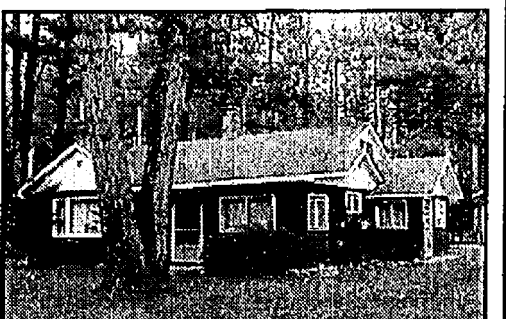
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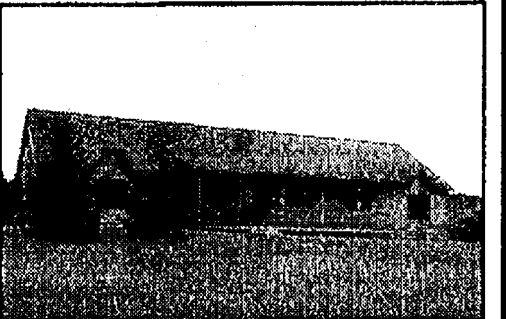
LAKE MARGRETHE CANAL FRONTAGE AND PRIVATE BEACH With all the extras included! Beautiful Chalet offers 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 baths, sauna, lined with cedar and adjoining shower. A family room with split stone fireplace has a cathedral ceiling (picket wood) that soars to balcony full. Galley kitchen offers pegged wood floors. Appliances include Replica Hasty Baker cast iron electric stove, trash compactor, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, garbage disposal built in toaster oven, washer & dryer. Built in Antique Pashenko machine made by Sanyo old dining room. CS-1447 \$169,500



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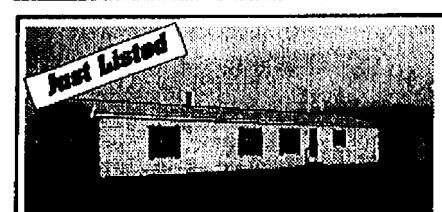
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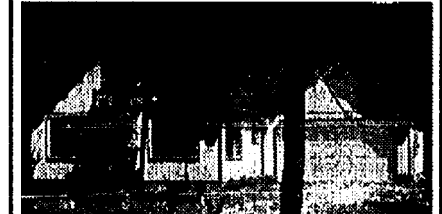
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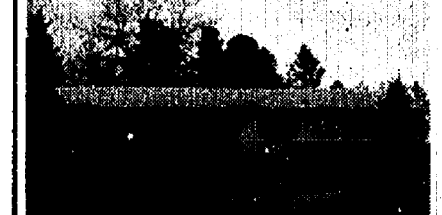
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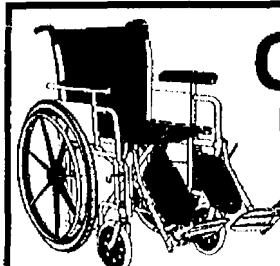
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